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Diplomatic coup for Israel at UN

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Israel made giant diplomatic strides last week.

At the United Nations, the Israeli and Chinese foreign ministers met in an unprecedented meeting. A day later, for the first time in 28 years, Israel's foreign minister, Shimon Peres, conferred with his counterpart from Turkey — the only Moslem country aside from Egypt maintaining formal relations with the Jewish state.

Coming on the heels of Peres' recent meeting with Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze, these important meetings took place following Peres' advocacy of an international peace conference on the Middle East, his appeal to the Soviet Union and China to establish diplomatic relations with Israel, and his meeting with U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz, who is scheduled to visit Israel on Oct. 18.

The startling meeting between Peres and China's foreign minister, Wu Xuegian, took place at the Chinese mission to the UN. Although representatives of Israel and China have met in the past few months, the Peres-Xuegian tete-a-tete represented Israel's highest level of contact with China.

Significantly, the Chinese publicly announced the meeting and permitted photographers to take pictures.

According to Peres, they discussed prospects for an international peace conference. Peres reported that China — a permanent member of the Security Council and a keen supporter of the Arab cause — would back any framework for a conference agreed to by Israel and the Arabs.

Israeli diplomats said that China reiterated its view that any such conference must include the Palestine Liberation Organization.

The willingness of Turkish Foreign Minister Vahit Halefoglu to meet Peres marked another breakthrough for Israel. Turkey, which has consular relations with Israel, a step below full relations, has traditionally played down its ties with Israel for fear of offending Arab and Moslem opinion.

Inal Batu, a spokesman for the Turkish foreign ministry, said that Turkey supported the concept of an international peace conference, provided the PLO attended.

In an interview with the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, Batu characterized the Peres-Halefoglu meeting as "an improvement" in Turkey's low-key relations with Israel. "In addition, we demonstrated to the whole Moslem world that Israel is no longer taboo."

It was announced that Peres had accepted an invitation to visit Turkey and that Turkey was prepared to strengthen economic, cultural and diplomatic links with Israel.

According to diplomatic sources quoted by JTA, Turkey regards closer relations with Israel as a means by which it can improve its image in the U.S.

Turkey, at odds with the Greek and Armenian lobbies in Washington, apparently feels that Israel

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Plus 2 parliamentary assistants

3 Jews enter Ont. cabinet

By JEFF ROSEN

Elinor Caplan

Chaviva Hosek

Monte Kwinter

TORONTO —

And then there were three.

What is believed to be one of the largest Jewish cabinet contingents in Ontario's legislative history was sworn in last week as Monte Kwinter, Elinor Caplan and Chaviva Hosek became part of Liberal Premier David Peterson's 30-member administration.

Not to be forgotten, the two remaining Jewish MPPs were named as parliamentary assistants. Steve Offer was named parliamentary assistant to Attorney-General Ian Scott and newcomer Ron Kanter was named parliamentary assitant to Solicitor-General Joan Smith.

Premier Peterson also appointed two Jews as deputy ministers. Dr. Martin Barkin, former president and chief executive officer of Sunnybrook Medical Centre, was named deputy minister of health and Elaine Todres, former assistant deputy minister of the Ontario Women's Directorate, was named deputy minister of the human resources secretariat.

The secretariat provides advice and support to ministries and develops human resouces management policies, programs and initiatives in consultation with ministries, and in support of the business of government. As the deputy minister of the secretariat, Todres will report to Murray Elston, chairman of the management board of cabinet.

The expanded cabinet saw a number of ministers shuffled to new portfolios, a few new faces added and a number of departments restructured. Only three cabinet ministers from the previous Liberal administration (Ken Keyes, Ron Van Horne and Tony Ruprecht) were dropped this time around.

In restructing the various ministries, energy and natural resources became two separate departments, citizenship and culture was split with the former becoming a separate department, while culture joined with communications to become a new ministry, leaving transportation on its own.

In introducing his new cabinet — which includes three Jews and six women — Peterson said, "we can not promise to achieve our goals in a single day, but we can promise to pursue our goals. We can not guarantee 100% success, but we can guarantee 100% effort."

After newcomers were collectively sworn in as members of the executive council of Ontario, ministers took the oath of office for their respective ministries.

Kwinter wore a blue kipa as he was sworn in as the minister of industry, trade and technology.

Prior to last month's election — which saw five Jewish MPPs sent to Queen's Park — Kwinter served as minister of consumer and commercial relations and minister of financial institutions.

This time out the former portfolio went to former labor minister Bill Wrye and the latter to Ontario treasurer Robert Nixon.

To no one's surprise, rookie MPP Chaviva Hosek was named to cabinet as minister of housing. The ministry was previously held by Alvin Curling.

Hosek has been active on behalf of women's rights since the early 1970s. She was named the B'nai B'rith Woman of the Year in 1984 and the 1986 YMCA's Woman of Distinction. Since 1986 she has been a member of the Economic Council of Canada and past-president of the

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Azrieli to chair events for 40th

MONTREAL —

David Azrieli, president of the Canadian Zionist Federation, has been named national chairman of the Canadian Jewish community's celebration of Israel's 40th anniversary.

Azrieli was the unanimous choice for the position at a planning meeting for the celebration held recently in Toronto. The meeting was attended by the president, executive vice-presidents and directors of the Canada-Israel Committee, B'nai B'rith Canada, Canadian Jewish Congress and CZF, as well as local community representatives and Avi Gil, first secretary for press and information of the Israeli embassy.

Ideas for coast-to-coast activities to mark the anniversary throughout the year were discussed. Major events are planned for Yom Ha'atzmaut April 20-21, 1988.

"Guardian angel" Nudel finally gets good word

JERUSALEM —

Ida Nudel, 56, who for 16 years served as the "guardian angel" of the Soviet Refusenik movement, providing material and spiritual support to men like Natan Scharansky in their struggle to move to Israel, learned on Friday that at long last she would be allowed to emigrate.

She received the news from a Soviet official before beginning her Yom Kippur fast.

"At first I didn't believe it. I thought it was some kind of trick," Nudel told The Jerusalem Post in a phone conversation from Moscow. But after talking with Rudolf Kuznetsov, head of the Soviet Office of Visas and Registration, she was convinced that she would indeed receive papers to immigrate to Israel.

"I'm beginning to accept the fact that I'm not a Refusenik anymore," she said.

Yet Nudel did not believe that her release signalled any new policy towards Soviet Jews. She thought the Jews were being used by Soviet authorities as "tools, or goods" to establish a new international image and achieve certain diplomatic goals.

"In ancient times the Pharaohs used to please the chiefs of neighboring countries with very exotic things, like white crocodiles," Nudel said. "I feel that I am like a white crocodile. I was used to please Mr. Reagan and Mr. Shultz before a meeting of the superpowers."

Nudel spent Yom Kippur in Moscow, staying at the home of fellow Refuseniks and praying at the Moscow synagogue. She planned to return as soon as possible to Bendery, Moldavia — where she has lived under harsh conditions in internal exile — in order to receive her official papers.

She said that it could take three weeks or more to receive all the documents needed to leave.

Nudel discounted reports that there were no more Prisoners of Zion in Soviet prison camps. She said there were indeed some lesser-known Prisoners of Zion still in the camps and that their cases had simply not received public attention because it was either difficult, or impossible, to contact them.

Asked what she intended to do once she arrived in Israel, Nudel replied: "Most of all I want to be a normal Israeli citizen and take my place in Israeli society. And I will, of course, work for the release of all my friends who I will be leaving behind."

Israeli births up

TEL AVIV (JTA) —

The population of Israel is estimated at 4,375,000, of whom 3,590,000 are Jews, according to figures released by the Central Bureau of Statistics on the eve of Rosh Hashanah.

The total population was up by 1.4% since September 1986 and the Jewish population increased by 1.1%.

There were nearly 100,000 births registered during the last Hebrew calendar year, three quarters of them Jewish.

CJC move protested by Vaad Harabonim

TORONTO —

In a brief but strongly worded message, Toronto's Vaad Harabonim (Orthodox rabbinical council) has urged the Canadian Jewish Congress to cancel its decision to join a coalition of U.S. organizations opposing changes to Israel's Law of Return (CJN Sept. 23).

The telegram was addressed to CJC President Dorothy Reitman, and to Ontario regional chairman Charles Zaionz and Toronto Jewish Congress President Herb Rosenfeld. A similar message was sent to the United Israel Appeal.

It read:

"The integrity of the Canadian Jewish Congress rests in providing a forum for representation of varying ideologies in the Jewish community to come together on issues of common concern to the Jewish people.

"Congress has in the past carefully sidestepped issues of religion which would offend participating groups. As a result, we have been able to preserve the fragile unity of Canadian Jewry.

"It was unconscionable, therefore, for the Canadian Jewish Congress to adopt a resolution to communicate a view in the issue of Mihu Yehudi — who is a Jew — to the government of Israel. This is a breach of Congress's mandate.

"Furthermore, the explicit reference to the CJC position as being representative of "the voice of Canadian Jewry" is most offensive.

"We insist that the CJC rescind this decision and restore the long-standing policy of Congress vis-a-vis matters of religion."

The telegram's signatories included:

- Rabbi Amram Assayag, Petah Tikva Anshe Castilla Congregation, and Vaad, vice-president;
- Rabbi Yechiel Benayon, Magen David Congregation;
- Rabbi Moses J. Burak, Beth Jacob Synagogue;
- Rabbi A. David, Mishkan Abraham, and Rosh Yeshivat Or HaChaim;
- Rabbi Yaakov Felder, Shomrei Shabbos Congregation;
- Rabbi Elliot Feldman, Kehillat Shaarei Torah;
- Rabbi Menachem Gopin, national executive director, Mizrachi Canada;
- Rabbi Henry Hoschander, Shaarei Sho-

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CJC stands pat on Law of Return

By DAVID LAZARUS

MONTREAL —

Canadian Jewish Congress "has taken no position regarding any issues of religious status," CJC president Dorothy Reitman said in a statement responding to a Toronto Orthodox group's telegram calling on the organization to rescind its opposition to changes to Israel's Law of Return (CJN Sept. 23).

"The Law of Return is recognized by the Knesset and Israel's courts as a secular enactment and we have allied ourselves with the representatives of North America's Jewish communities, including the Council of Jewish Federations (CJF), American-Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC), and the Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council (NACRAC) in calling for no change to this basic law which exists to protect Jewish unity throughout the

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World-National

Harmony U.S. group's objective

By
RABBI W. GUNTHER PLAUT

No one can return from Israel without realizing how far various factions in Jewish life have drifted apart and how uncivil their relationships have become. If that were only the case in Israel — dayyenu. Unfortunately, it isn't.

In the Diaspora things are better, for physical violence is missing. But there is verbal violence aplenty and the kind of self - righteousness which understands only one's own point of view and never the other's. So it is with some relief that I read of a new statement of the Religious Dialogue Group — a Jewish/Jewish (not a Jewish/Gentile) effort!

Rabbi Plaut

— which appeals to the constituents of all factions to keep some general ground rules in mind.

The same group, which is affiliated with the American Jewish Committee, issued a similar statement last year (and I reproduced a portion of it in this column). Now the group has issued it again, with some revisions, and again I want to bring you the essence of this eminently sane and useful appeal:

Danger recognized

"We are Orthodox, Conservative, Reform, Reconstructionist lay people active in our movements. Our group was formed to address a rising tide of hostility among the movements. Disagreements over such issues as conversions, Jewish divorce, ordination of women rabbis, children of intermarriage, and the unique relation of religion to the state in Israel have spilled over to threaten the cohesion of the Jewish community as a whole.

"On the positive side, there seems to be a growing recognition of the danger of divisiveness. Responsible leaders in all movements have been more restrained than in the past when making public statements about other expressions of Jewishness. (The statement goes on to list other positive factors.)

"But portents of potential irreparable schism in the Jewish people are also evident. Clashes between Israeli secularists and certain Orthodox elements have occasioned violence which threatens the unity and peace of Jerusalem itself. Legislative efforts in Israel to deny non-Orthodox converts citizenship rights under the Law of Return have resulted in embittered feelings in the United States. (The statement goes on to list other incidents.)

Tolerance urged

"In the light of these negative developments, we urgently reiterate our call for civil discourse, tolerance, and mutual respect among Jews. All segments of the Jewish community must realize that our internal relationships necessarily affect our collective functioning on issues of overall Jewish concern. Support for Israel, aid and rescue of oppressed Jews abroad, defence against anti-semitism, support for Jewish institutions, all are predicated on our ability to transcend ideological differences in mobilizing Jewish energies and resources.

"Indeed, the mitzvah of tzedakah knows no denominational boundaries. It would be tragic if worthy institutions lose funding because of divisive rhetoric and irresponsible and offensive actions. We commend the work of those elements within the synagogal and rabbinic organizations and in the Jewish community as a whole that, to the extent possible, put Klal Yisrael ahead of other considerations.

"May the new Jewish year of 5748 bring brotherhood and harmony among all Jews, prefiguring the prophetic vision of an entire world at peace."

I like to think that the majority of Canadian Jewry subscribes to these sentiments.

War crimes link possible

Rodal traces Ukrainian unit's role

In his report on Nazi war criminals in Canada, Justice Jules Deschenes ruled out collective guilt on the part of the Ukrainian Halychyna (Galician) Waffen-SS Division. However, in her report on the history of the entry of suspected war criminals to Canada, historian Alti Rodal traces the origins of the unit, and finds evidence that individuals in the division may have participated in war crimes.

Here is the third in an occasional series of extracts from the Rodal report, compiled by PAUL LUNGEN.

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It has not been possible, given the time constraints on this report, to examine all the sources of evidence or even those available in Canada in a comprehensive way. It is nonetheless possible and reasonable to conclude that though by 1943, when the Division was formed, the bulk of the Jews of the region had already been annihilated, there would have been a measure of continuity between the Ukrainian military/police formations which operated in the 1941-42 environment and which cooperated with the Einsatzgruppen (mobile killing units) in Ukrainian territory and the Division established in the spring of 1943.

The Division was formed in May 1943 and surrendered to the British in May 1945.

Otto Wachter, the German governor of Galicia from 1941-44, persuaded (SS leader Heinrich) Himmler to form an SS Division of Ukrainian volunteers in order to induce closer collaboration between Ukrainians and Germans against the Soviet Union and to prevent Ukrainian youth from joining the growing nationalist underground.

Wachter published a proclamation on April 28, 1943 announcing the intended establishment of the Division and circulated it widely after obtaining the support of Ukrainian leaders, which helped gain the confidence of the population.

Both the Orthodox and Catholic churches, including the respected Metropolitan Sheptyts'kyi (who in 1942 had condemned Nazi atrocities against Jews and, in particular, the involvement of Ukrainian police in the murders), also favored the establishment of the Division.

As a result of the Ukrainian leadership's support, the response to the call for volunteers astonished even the Germans who had to appeal to higher authority for instructions. The quota set for the unit was overfilled many times, and tens of thousands of volunteers had to be rejected.

According to SS reports, 80,000 men had volunteered; 50,000 were accepted; and 13,000 were called up by the summer of 1943. The remainder who were accepted were gathered by the Order Police "in a further five infantry regiments, numbered... from 4 to 8," some of which were incorporated into the Division at later stages.

That members joined the Division voluntarily is an established fact.

Members of the Division state they volunteered "not because of love of the Germans but because of their hatred of the Russians and their Communist tyranny." Nationalists, for their part, undoubtedly saw in the formation of the Division an opportunity to form an army, albeit under German auspices, which could later be used in the service of an independent Ukraine.

Whatever the motivation in April-May 1943 for collaboration with the Nazis, it remains that by this stage Ukrainians in Galicia had already experienced two years of the Nazi presence in their midst — a presence which generated considerable suffering and dislocation for many Ukrainians, but also extensive cooperation by individuals from various social strata in the massive and successful campaign to murder the Jews of the region.

There was in fact widespread collaboration by Ukrainians in the German campaign to eliminate Jews. In part, this was a reaction engineered by the Germans as a response to executions of Ukrainians carried out by the (Soviet secret police). In the very first weeks of the occupation, plunder and violence against Jews by bands of Ukrainians occurred in urban and rural regions, at times organized and directed by members of the local intelligentsia.

However, the principal and for Jews the most devastating collaboration came from organized sectors of Ukrainian society, such as municipal administrations taken over by pro-Nazi elements, and particularly from the Ukrainian semi-military and auxiliary police formations under German command, who were assigned the specific function of assisting the German police and the SS in the seizure and shootings of Jews.

There were also numerous instances of both individual Ukrainians and Ukrainian organizations sheltering Jews at considerable risk to themselves.

According to one scholar of the events in Nazi-occupied Ukraine (Philip Friedman), the functions of the Ukrainian police were extended soon after the occupation:

"They kept watch over the ghetto during the anti-Jewish campaigns, convoyed transports to the extermination camps, and directly participated in the extermination of Jews."

(Two auxiliary units of local volunteers called "Nachtigall" and "Roland" formed in April 1941) with German officers but with an unofficial Ukrainian staff. With the invasion of the Soviet Union on June 22, 1941, Nachtigall advanced with the (German army) to the Galician capital, Lvov, and Roland accompanied the German forces to southern Bessarabia.

The arrival of the German forces, accompanied by Nachtigall, to Lvov in July 1941 was followed by the murder in that same month of some 2,500 Jews residing in the city by members of the local Ukrainian population, with the encouragement of the German army command.

Reports of the Einsatzkommandos (mobile killing units) who entered the region of Bessarabia-Bukovina in July 1941 in the wake of the occupying troops record that half of the 320,000 Jews in the region were murdered by Sept. 1, 1941

It was not within the scope of the research carried out for this report to establish whether Roland and Nachtigall had any direct involvement in these massacres. It may simply be noted that the Soviet allegations against (the two) have been particularly severe.

(In May, 1943, the officers of Nachtigall and Roland were integrated into the Galician Division.)

According to German documents, the Ukrainian constabulary (Schutzmannschaft) Battalion 204, stationed at "Heidelager" SS training grounds where the Galician Division completed its training, was also transferred to the Galician Division in January 1944.

Further documented instances of integration of former members of auxiliary police battalions into the Galician Division occurred following the battle at Brody in July 1944.

The reconstitution of the Division after the battle, which added 12,000 men to the 3,000 remaining from the earlier formation, provided a distinct opportunity for integration into the Division of persons with a war criminal background.

The argument that most of the former members of the Division served with it for only a short period may therefore not remove but rather strengthen the probability of a war criminal element.

Former members of Ukrainian militia and local police formations which had been under SS control during the 1941-42 murderous sweeps of the Einsatzgruppen and which were subsequently replaced by the more formally organized Ukrainian auxiliary police could then have found their way into the ranks of the Galician Division both before and perhaps even more so after the battle of Brody.

Apart from Soviet and Polish allegations concerning war crimes committed by the Division — which to date have not been independently investigated in Soviet and Polish archives — there is little evidence pointing to the commission of war crimes by the Division as a unit. By early 1944, when it had completed its training, the Nazi campaign against Jews in the Ukraine was largely completed.

Zundel issue sparks debate

By
JOEL YANOFSKY

MONTREAL — When the new trial of Ernst Zundel gets under way in January the Jewish community will once again be torn and divided by the anguish and mixed feelings that the case will inevitably evoke.

At a recent debate on this controversial issue, Aba Beer, a Holocaust survivor, and Manuel Prutschi, national director of community relations at the Canadian Jewish Congress, agreed that cases like Zundel's should be prosecuted, but they disagreed about the effectiveness of Canada's anti-hate legislation.

Beer, who was born 30 miles from Auschwitz, told an audience of about 50 people at the Beth Israel Beth Aaron Congregation in Cote St. Luc that the fact that Zundel must be put on trial again points out the weaknesses of the current law. "The law is full of loopholes. It is impotent. Not much can be done with it."

Prutschi recognized that the justice system is often ponderous, but he maintained that the importance of trying Zundel and others like him invariably extends beyond the outcome of a single case.

"These trials are important because it is a way for the Canadian courts to tell a victimized community that their rights will be defended and that they are an integral part of society."

Prutschi also explained that while the Ontario Court of Appeal overturned Zundel's conviction, it did so on the basis of two legal technicalities. The Court of Appeal, he pointed out, still ruled that the law under which Zundel was convicted was constitutional.

"We are not talking about some abstract, legal point here," Beer said. "We are talking about our lives and the lives of future generations. Even if we have to sacrifice some of our freedom to fight anti-semitism, then we must do it."

The fact that Zundel's next trial will once again provide a forum for Holocaust denial and hate propaganda is a consequence Beer is prepared to live with.

"Zundel himself said that he couldn't have bought that kind of publicity for a million dollars . . . but while he may not be too dangerous at present, we have all seen how propaganda can turn into pogroms. . . .

"These cases should be a primary responsibility for Jewish leadership. It should not be left to the individual. Anti-semitism is a cancer and it must be removed, no matter what the cost."

Ironically, there were also unexpected benefits from the first Zundel trial. "It served an important educational function," Prutschi said.

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Make your views known to media, UJA audience urged

Ignorance blamed for unfair coverage of Israel

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

The Canadian news media are uniquely ignorant and backward when it comes to covering world events and that ignorance is a contributing factor in the unfair news coverage Israel has received, according to an internationally-syndicated foreign affairs analyst.

Ilya Gerol, columnist with the Ottawa Citizen, said the reasons Israel is "so much selected as a prima donna of the world media" are complex. In Canada, he said, the media reflect the ignorance of society, which is by and large unaware of world events.

Canadians see the world in terms of cliches. In the aftermath of the Six Day War in 1967, the media reflected the basic euphoria that swept the Jewish world. There was a feeling that Israel was a superpower, he said, and Israel paid a heavy price for that misconception.

During the 1982 Lebanon War, stories ran that referred to traditional Israeli "aggressiveness." Gerol referred to an anecdote about an American correspondent who did a story from a ditch in Metullah in northern Israel in which he talked about Israeli tanks marching to Sidon in Southern Lebanon. No church, mosque or school could stop them, the correspondent said, even though there was no church, mosque or school in sight.

On another occasion, a prominent American television anchorman referred to the South Lebanese city of Tyre as having "disappeared from the face of the earth" backed up by pictures of devastation after Israeli attacks. But Gerol's own on-the-spot investigation in Tyre showed what the local mayor called "the television alley" — a 3-block area of destruction where the PLO had kept its facilities, and an otherwise normal town, Gerol said.

The main conclusion he drew from the news coverage of that war was that "the Israeli army defeated 6,000 Palestinian guerrillas in three days, and then lost the war to 6,000 correspondents."

Gerol, a native of the Soviet Union, said the Israeli coalition government has brought the country back down to size emotionally. It's a small state, not a superpower, he said, and consquently the media are now treating it with less coverage.

Gerol, speaking to the United Jewish Appeal's Business and Professional Women's Network, said the audience was also to blame for the media's treatment of Israel.

The ignorance of the media must be rebuffed, he said. Since the media are presented for people, then people can influence them. He advised that women adopt letter-writing campaigns and make their concerns known to the disseminaters of news.

A somewhat different view was adopted by the evening's second speaker, former radio journalist Freda Keet.

Keet, onetime anchorperson for Kol Israel National Radio, said there is "a world obsession with Israel."

On the day the Ayatollah Khomeini returned to Iran from exile — a cataclysmic event in Mideast history — the New York Times ran the story on page 5 while a stone-throwing incident on an Israeli highway made page 1.

Turning the tables on the question "why is Israel so prominent in the media," Keet asked: "How could it fail to be fascinating to the world media.

"We've been around for a long time," she said. Since the time of the patriarch Abraham "we've been in the spotlight in the great unfolding drama of Western man."

Tracing the influence of Jews in history, Keet noted Israel is central to three major religions. The Christian world has been obsessed with the Jewish people "like a bone in the throat," she said. "They couldn't swallow it or spit it out."

Over the centuries, "Jews were branded in the Christian consciousness...why should that change in 1948? she asked. On the contrary, it became more interesting, she said.

Recounting the story of the birth of Israel, the wars it fought, the Entebbe rescue mission in 1976 and the air raid that destroyed the Iraqi reactor, Keet said "Israel is in the news because it makes the news."

Where once the media treated Israel like David fighting Goliath, that attitude began to change. "It seemed the world, through the media, set out on a crusade to cut Israel down to size."

Israel is a decent nation at war, she said. It is still a David — a tiny people tormented by memories of death and destruction. It has to live with tensions, complexities and anxieties no other nation need contend with.

But the most efficient "hasbara" (information) services would make no difference to media attitudes, she said. Israel needs (military) power to survive and Israeli power makes the world uneasy.

Two thousand years of anti-semitism didn't just disappear, Keet said.

Other factors, such as Arab propaganda and the end of the honeymoon of the left with Israel contributed to the deteriorating media attitudes to Israel.

Even though the way in which the world looks at Israel is unfair, "we can't accept it," she said. She urged her listeners to "fight back" against lies that besmirch Israel.

"Make sure the 'No Jews sign' is not put up in the family of nations," she concluded.

Before addressing UJA Day evening program, Ilya Gerol (second from left) and Freda Keet (third from right) pose with Business & Professional Women's Network principals. From the left are Barbara Barak, Shelley Fisher, Marilyn Gotfried and Irene Berkowitz.

B'nai B'rith office opens

OTTAWA —

Over 250 national B'nai B'rith leaders, representatives of the Prime Minister's Office, Ottawa political leaders, ambassador's and friends of B'nai B'rith Canada recently joined Ralph Snow, president of BBC, and Frank Dimant, executive vice-president, for the official opening of the organization's National Capital Region office.

The new complex, consisting of a suite of offices equipped with computers and state-of-the-art communication technology, was dedicated in memory of Louis and Anne Smith, pioneers of the Ottawa Jewish community, by their grandson, Moishe Smith, national vice-president of BBC.

Located in the Jewish Community Centre at 151 Chapel St., the complex houses: the regional office of B'nai B'rith Canada; the organization's constituent agencies the League for Human Rights and the Institute for International Affairs; the B'nai B'rith Foundation; the Government Relations Office; and the Research Department.

Jack Smith, Eric Weisbloom and Don Gussman, presidents of Ottawa, Bytown and Parliament lodges respectively, spoke about the importance of having a home for their programs with full professional support.

MP Herb Gray, Liberal House Leader, and NDP MP Ernie Epp commended B'nai B'rith for the work it has done to articulate for members of Parliament the issues relevant to the Canadian Jewish community. Both urged the continuation of the government relations function of the National Capital Region office.

MP Robert Kaplan, justice critic for the Liberal Party, spoke about the national role B'nai B'rith is playing. He noted the crucial involvement the organization has had with the Deschenes Commission, and as a lobby group for Bill C-17 dealing with Nazi war criminals, and Bill C-55 dealing with amendments to the Immigration Act.

Eleanor London, national treasurer, made a dedicatory speech expressing the hope that B'nai B'rith's commitment to Soviet Jewry, human rights and the welfare of the Jewish people in Canada be best served by having an office close to the House of Commons.

The Ottawa office coordinates lodge activities, and regional and national programs. These include the Dec. 7 13th Annual Media Human Rights Award of the League for Human Rights presentation, and the March 29, 1988 Award of Merit B'nai B'rith Canada Foundation Dinner honoring Gordon Henderson.

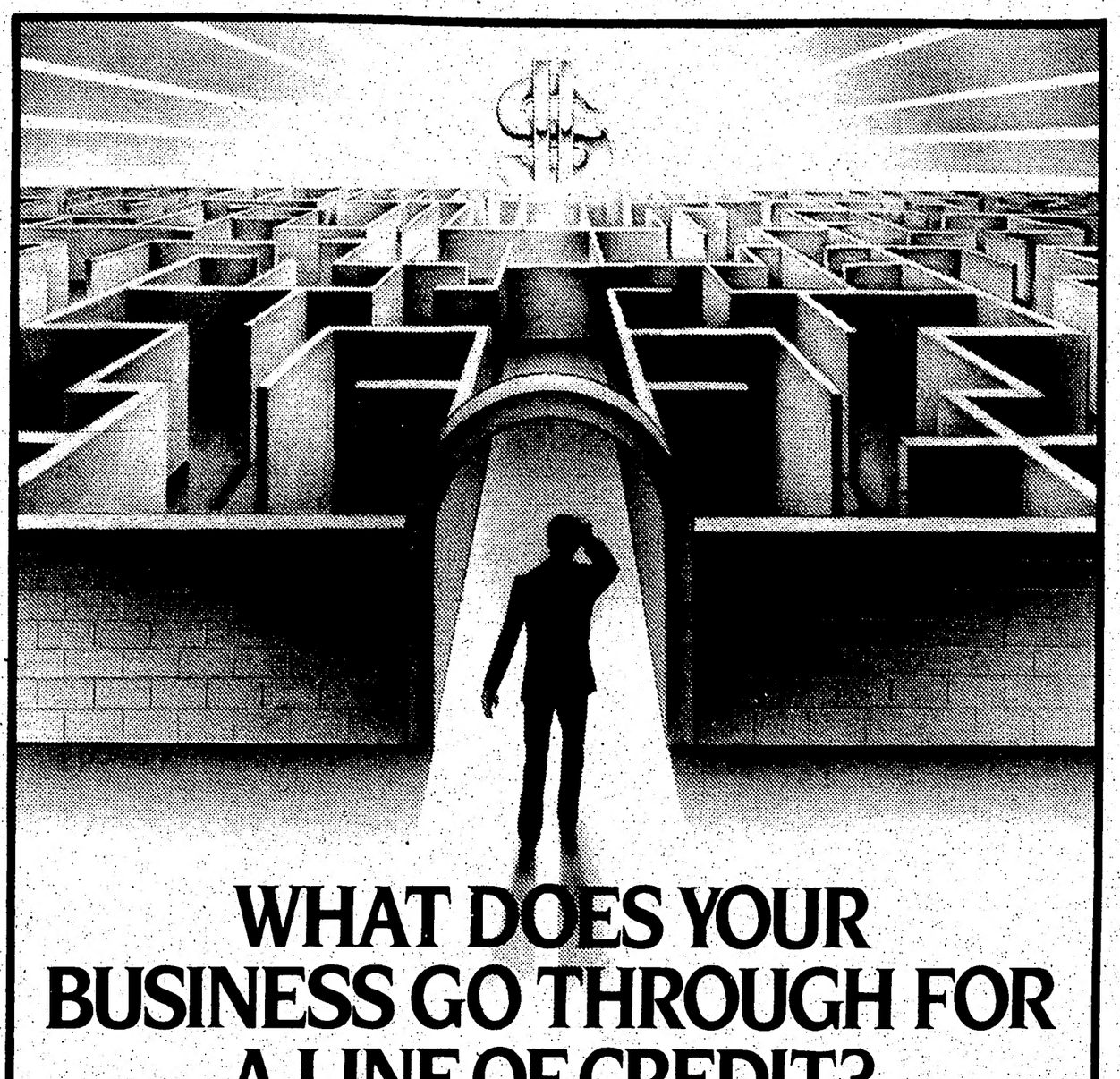
Trial to resume

JERUSALEM (JPFS) —

The Demjanjuk trial, which was interrupted when Judge Zvi Tal had a heart attack, will resume on Monday, Oct. 26, eight days after the end of the Succoth holiday.

This was decided last week at a meeting between Court President Dov Levin and lawyers Yoram Sheftel, for the defence, and Michael Horowitz, for the prosecution.

In consideration of Tal's health, sessions will be held in the morning only, with the afternoon sessions cancelled for the time being.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Living Halacha

By
RABBI MOSES J. BURAK

QUESTION: Why do some people leave home, and travel hundreds of miles to visit with their Chassidic Rebbe for Hoshana Rabba? Even if the rebbe is the descendant of a holy man, do we need a mediator between man and Hashem?

Rabbi Burak

Hoshana Rabba is the day when the right tickets are given out to those who deserve a good ticket. Not all men are convinced that they can get one on their own merits. Some feel that they may need a little assistance to achieve their goals and desires. They turn to a rebbe, the way a pregnant woman turns to her obstetrician.

After all, women can give birth by themselves when there is no one around to help them at the critical hour. The newspapers report such events from time to time. But, most ladies prefer to have a doctor stand by. Chassidim feel that with the rebbe standing by they will be able to bring home a bundle of blessings.

This runs counter to some recent statements on Jewish theology, where the doctrine is that we don't need a mediator in Judaism. The Talmud, however, tells us of a number of saintly men to whom the Jewish community would turn whenever they felt that the door to the Throne of Mercy was shut.

Rabbi Chanina ben Dosa was one of these, and he remained a poor man all his life despite his marvellous talent. In Tractate Berachos, 17B, we are given this report: "Every day a divine voice goes forth from Mount Chorev and proclaims: 'The whole world is sustained for the sake of My son Chanina, and Chanina My son has to subsist on a kab of carobs from one weekend to the next.' "

That being the quality of the man, it was only natural that people asked him to pray for those who were gravely ill. This is reported in a Mishna, in Tractate Berachos, 34B: "It was related of Rabbi Chanina ben Dosa that he used to pray for the sick and say, 'This one will die. This one will live.'

"They asked him: 'How do you know?' He replied: 'If my prayer comes out fluently, I know that he is accepted, but if not, then I know that he is rejected.' " This marvelous sage was a very poor man. There was no OHIP to pay him. His wife had nothing to cook for Shabbes.

I am not aware that his descendants inherited the same powers. But, the Talmud does tell us about another sage whose powers were transmitted from generation to generation, so that his children and grandchildren were vessels of blessing. His name was Choni, the Circle maker.

Choni was the man whose prayers reached the Almighty and got the answers the Jewish community needed. Whenever the weather was unbearable and drought threatened the life of the community, the people would turn to him. His prayers would bring the rain. This heavenly gift stayed in the family. Steinzalts, in his incomparable edition of Tractate Ta'anis, has noted this on page 82, in a note called Ishim, personalities.

After Choni disappeared from the scene, his son Abba Chilkia performed the same service when there was a drought. A delegation of rabbis would ask him to help, and he responded, according to Ta'anis 23A.

Chanan ha-Nechba, the son of Choni's daughter, inherited this wonderful talent of reaching the Throne of Mercy. Tractate Ta'anis 23B tells us that he would respond to the cries of thirsty children.

So, if you need some blessing, and there is a scion of a great chassidic dynasty around, go to him. Just remember to thank Hashem for giving of his wisdom to clean mouths and holy tongues.

Jerusalem excluded from conference

Federal govt. tied to Libya snafu

By
WENDY ROSEN

OTTAWA —

The city of Ottawa was blatantly wrong in issuing an invitation to its Capitals of the World conference to Libya while excluding Israel, a municipal politician says (CJN Oct. 1.)

Alderman Mark Maloney said that Mayor James Durrell and his 11-person steering committee — including a representative of the federal department of external affairs and the National Capital Commission — "are in violation of Canada's policy" of not inviting Libyan delegations to conferences it sponsors.

(Although the conference, which will discuss among other topics terrorism, is a municipal event, the federal government is involved financially — it is contributing $200,000 of the projected $500,000 budget — and administratively. When the conference was initially planned 18 months ago, the committee asked for external affairs' help in devising a list of who to invite. As well, Canadian foreign diplomats delivered the invitations to the various mayors and did a follow up.)

Maloney, whose ward has a high proportion of the city's Jewish community, awaits a response to his formal complaint with External Affairs Minister Joe Clark.

The alderman met with the committee on Sept. 11, and a few days later the mayor, but his 19-page brief documenting Libya's state-sponsored terrorism failed to sway them to rescind the invitation to Libyan Abdul Mejid Qaud, who is described by external affairs as the mayor of Tripoli. In actual fact, he is general secretary of the People's Revolutionary Committee of the Tripoli region but at the time the invitation was issued, he was the Libyan cabinet's secretary of atomic energy department, a post he had held for five years.

"If he comes, it would make him the most senior Libyan official to be invited to Ottawa since Muammar Gadhafi came to power. It just boggles the mind."

The alderman, who said council was only informed as to which country had confirmed attendance and not which had been invited, said that he was "dead against" Israel being excluded and Libya being invited.

"It's the most cruel irony of all that the one democracy in the Middle East won't attend but the leading terrorism-sponsoring nation can."

Moreover, although the committee closed registration for the conference soon after he presented his brief compiled from documents at the library of Parliament, the Rome embassy's Libyan desk officer Gregoire de Blois told Maloney that he was confirm the attendance of the Libyan at the conference. Libya's chief of protocol had indicated verbally in April that Qaud would attend but "even though we don't know if he's coming, the invitation should be revoked."

De Blois told him it would be entirely consistent for the Libyan to indicate at the last minute he's coming and Maloney says Canada "would be hard pressed to refuse him entry into the country after trying so hard to get him here."

Maloney also pointed out that as all ambassadors in Ottawa have been invited to the conference (they are expected to come with the mayors), it would be technically possible for the head of Libya's mission at the UN to attend the conference as he is also accredited in Canada.

The alderman said that as far back as last December in the minutes, committee members had identified three problem areas — South Africa, Libya and Israel.

"They chose not to invite South Africa for reasons of apartheid. They made a moral judgment — a statement on racism — on one country and I maintain they had a right to make one against Libya."

The minutes indicate the committee didn't know what to do about Libya "so they sent an invitation with the pretext that we have diplomatic relations so it wasn't up to them to decide."

Israel posed a real question for the committee. He said external affairs would not tell them to invite Jerusalem — Israel's capital but one which Canada does not recognize — or Tel Aviv.

"The mayor himself went ahead and invited Tel Aviv's Shlomo Lahat. The invitation was returned with a kind note saying it had been misdirected and Jerusalem is, and will always be, the capital of Israel."

(When the alderman wrote a memo in July to the conference committee voicing concern over this, it wrote back saying Tel Aviv was selected because it was considered to be "the administrative capital of Israel." A few weeks later, the conference organizer told him that Libya had been invited and it was then that Maloney asked for and received in mid August minutes of all meetings and a complete list of who had been invited. He then began to research his brief which he distributed to his fellow aldermen two weeks ago.

Maloney said that a couple of months ago shortly after Tel Aviv returned the invitation, a delegation of the Jewish Community Council approached the mayor to register its protest of the slight to Israel.

"The steering committee offered a compromise — Jerusalem's Teddy Kollek would be invited to be a speaker rather than a capital city mayor (and Lahat would attend as Israel's official representative). This idea was channelled through Israel and totally rejected," he said.

"No further action was taken to have Jerusalem included."

Maloney stated that this situation "is clearly an embarrassment to external affairs" and that is perhaps why he has not had a response to his letter to Joe Clark.

Although he said some steering committee members and others associated with them have been putting pressure on him to keep quiet on the controversy, Maloney said he was elected to speak out in a responsible way based on facts.

"In every respect possible, I asked them (committee members) to change their policy ... to rescind the invitation to Libya. They took no action, so I spoke out."

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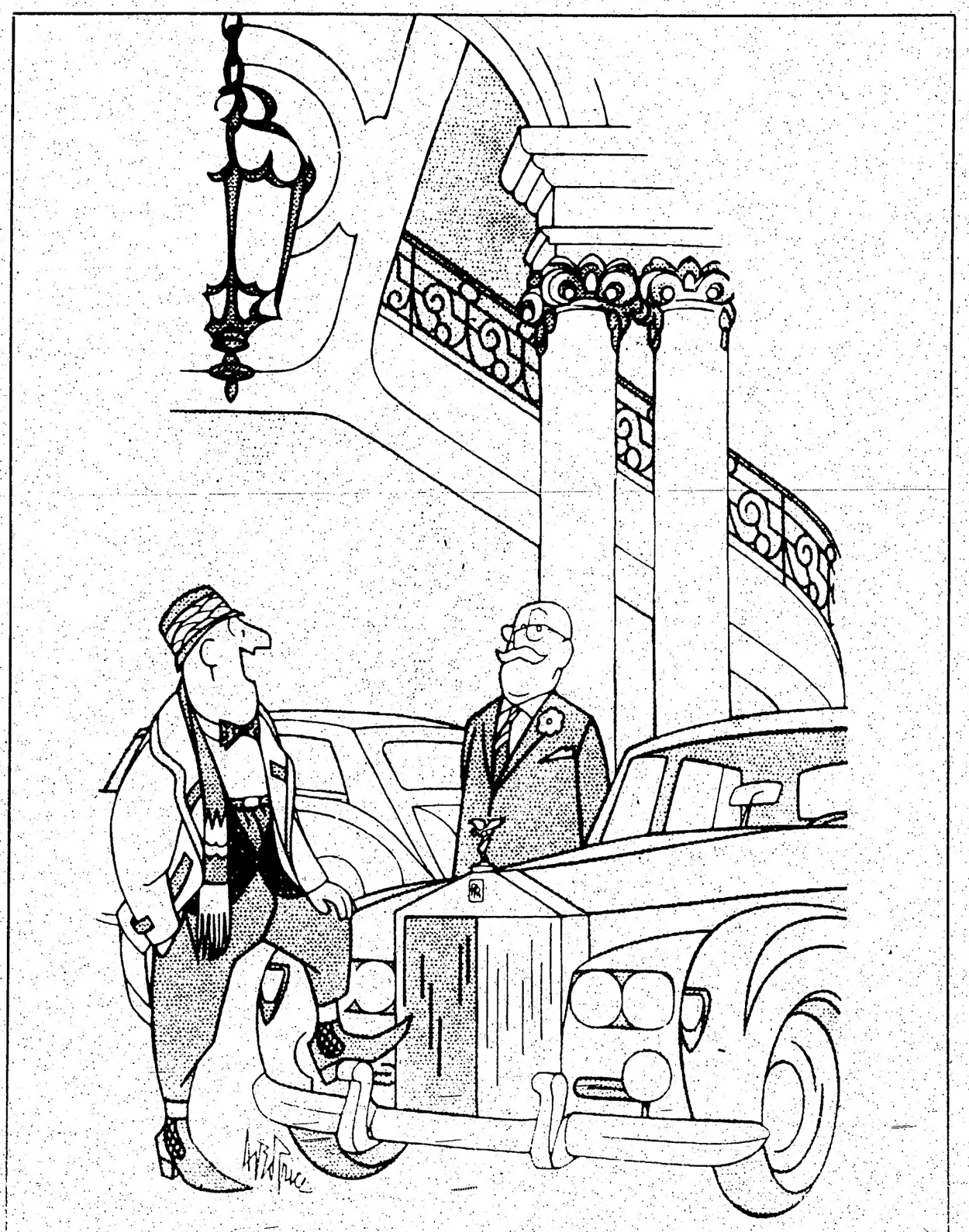

Israel and South Africa agree on barter deal

TEL AVIV (JTA) —

Israel has entered a barter deal with South Africa to exchange non-military aircraft for coal, Energy Minister Moshe Shahal announced last week.

Israel Radio said a South African coal mine would receive Astra executive jet planes manufactured by Israel Aircraft Industries (IAI).

Shahal insisted that the barter arrangement in no way contravenes the intent of UN Resolution 16 to drastically curtail trade with South Africa.

About 250,000 tons of South African coal will be sold by the Israel National Coal Corp. to the Israel Electric Corp. The $7 million paid for the coal will be debited to the South African mine and credited to IAI. Shahal said this was not a "new sale to South Africa" but a new form of barter payment for the continuation of existing con[illegible] for South African

Israeli tour follows

Hadassah convention set

MONTREAL —

The 32nd Biennial Convention of Canadian Hadassah-WIZO will take place Nov. 12-15 in Montreal at the Sheraton Centre on the theme Rediscover, Reaffirm, Rejoice.

At its conclusion, several hundred members, their spouses and other family members will leave for Israel for a tour of the organization's projects and further celebration of its 70th anniversary.

"We will be looking back at our seven decades of achievement with a great deal of nostalgia and pride, but also with a view to their being a basis for an even more successful future," stated Cecily Peters, national president. The convention co-chairmen are Miriam Liberman and Miriam Peletz.

John Fraser

Among the highlights will be a presentation of the Canadian Award to John Fraser, Speaker of the House of Commons, at the Saturday evening gala dinner. The award is presented at each convention to a prominent Canadian who has exhibited exemplary leadership in bridging the gap between the Jewish and general communities and in leading the battle for human rights and dignity.

McGill University law professor Irwin Cotler, who represents Ida Nudel and other Soviet Jewish Refuseniks, and Claude Lanzmann, director of the acclaimed film Shoah, will each receive the Rebecca Sieff Award. This award is given biennially to those who have made significant contributions to the welfare and well being of the State of Israel.

It consists of a scholarship in the recipient's name given to a student at the Canadian Hadassah-WIZO Agricultural Secondary High School and Village at Nahalal.

Rebecca Sieff Awards will also be presented to Natan and Avital Scharansky in Israel.

Speakers and workshop leaders confirmed to date for the convention include Rabbi Reuven Kimelman, chief program associate of the National Jewish Centre for Learning and Leadership; Dorothy Reitman, president of Canadian Jewish Congress; Ruth Wisse, professor of Jewish studies at McGill University; Bernard Cherrick, vice-president of Hebrew University; and Sen. Mira Spivak.

Workshops will include a plenum on the past 70 years, led by several Aviv members who attended special Aviv conferences in Israel; Women in Power, featuring a trio of prominent Jewish women; a panel of children of Holocaust survivors; Canada-Israel relations and war criminals legislation; personal development and enrichment; and communication skills.

The convention is taking place over a weekend in order to accommodate those members who are not free to leave home midweek, either because of job or professional commitments or young children.

Other events will include a prayer breakfast on the Friday for Ida Nudel and all other Soviet Jews, with MP William Attewell, chairman of the Parliamentary Committee on Soviet Jewry, who recently returned from a trip to Russia, and members of the clergy; and the gala 70th anniversary banquet which will feature entertainment specially written and produced for the evening by Montrealer Mollie Corber.

For information, call Miriam Liberman or Miriam Peletz at (514) 937-9431.

OPEN-AIR CONCERT

A massive crowd of 250,000 enjoyed a recent open-air concert of the Israel Symphony in Tel Aviv under the auspices of the Tel Aviv Foundation. Soloists included Placido Domingo and Yitzhak Perlman. Included in the photo (from left) are Tel Aviv Mayor Shlomo Lahat, who was MC; Placido Domingo, Zubin Mehta, conductor of the orchestra, and Yitzhak Perlman. The concert was held in Yarkon Park, a project of the Tel Aviv Foundation.

West Bank drug bust snares 31 suspects

JERUSALEM (JPFS) —

Police last week celebrated what officers described as the biggest blow against narcotics racketeers in Israel in years after 31 suspected drug dealers were arrested in a series of lightning swoops in the West Bank.

The carefully synchronized raids took place when more than 100 police, Border Police and troops raided the homes of suspects in Bethlehem, Ramallah and Hebron.

Most of those arrested were in bed when the police burst in on them. The only attempt at resistance came when the brother of one suspect pulled a knife on a Border policeman, but he was swiftly overpowered.

"It was the biggest operation of its kind for years and it worked like a dream," said a police spokesman.

The 31 arrested were "known drug dealers."

The operation came after four months of intense planning and high-risk undercover work by two police agents who managed to penetrate a network of narcotics traders operating in the West Bank and Israel. The agents are believed to have been authorized to buy narcotics from the dealers in order to protect their cover.

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JERUSALEM (JPFS) —

Police believe that 15,000 people in Israel are addicted to drugs and up to 200,000 use them, Commissioner David Kraus said recently.

He reported that, despite the force's all-out campaign to smash the narcotics trade, there were signs that the number of users was increasing.

Kraus, speaking at a meeting with Education Minister Yitzhak Navon to plan a campaign to fight drug abuse in schools, said that so far this year narcotics officers have confiscated six tons of hashish, 24 kilos of heroin and a kilo of cocaine.

He called for a major effort to tell people the "frightening truth" about drug addiction and to stress the fact that drug users are also in danger of contracting AIDS.

Kraus and Navon, meeting at National Police headquarters in Jerusalem, decided to set up a special team to spread anti-drug information in the classroom.

It would comprise senior education ministry staff and police officials and its aim would be to make education about the drugs peril a part of the teaching program in every school.

Navon said that his ministry also hoped to reach thousands of youngsters who neither work nor go to school and who are seen as prime targets for drug pushers.

Record number of traffic fatalities

TEL AVIV (JTA) —

Nine persons, four of them pedestrians, were killed in traffic accidents last week, bringing the number of highway fatalities to 455 for the Hebrew calendar year just ended.

This is 30 more deaths than in the previous year and pressure is mounting for drastic measures to reduce the toll of deaths and injuries on the roads.

Transport Minister Haim Corfu is pushing a measure that would make it compulsory for drivers and front-seat passengers to wear seat belts while driving in city streets. At present they are mandatory only for highway driving.

Violators would be fined $38 and double that if the front seat passenger is also unbuckled. The passenger, too, would get a $38 fine.

Corfu proposes to test the law for six months. It is presently before the Knesset finance committee's road safety subcommittee.

Canadian Technion Society

Notice of General Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Canadian Technion Society will be held at the Park Plaza Hotel, 4 Avenue Road, Toronto, Ontario on Sunday, the 8th day of November, 1987, to be followed by a Board of Directors meeting.

Dated at Toronto, October 8th, 1987
By order of the officers

At 3 p.m., there will be a Symposium on
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to which the public is cordially invited.

Notice of Annual General Meeting

Canadian Magen David Adom for Israel

Take notice that the **Annual General Meeting** of the **Canadian Magen David Adom for Israel** will be held on **Thursday, October 29th, 1987, 8:00 p.m.** at the **Montefiore Club**, 1195 Guy Street, Montreal, Quebec, for the purpose of receiving and considering the annual and financial reports; election of members to the Board of Directors and for the transaction of such business as may properly come before the meeting.

The nominating committee has proposed the following Slate for election as directors:

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World-National

Worsening situation for S. African community, meeting told

Pressure on Damascus urged for Syrian Jews

By
PHILLIP FINE

TORONTO —
Syrian Jews face a hopeless situation and South African Jews one that is rapidly becoming so, two speakers recently told an audience at Beth Tikvah synagogue in North York.

The approximately 4,500 Jews left in Syria are virtual prisoners in their own country, said Judy Feld Carr, of Toronto, one of the speakers and the chairman of the National Task Force on Syrian Jews for the Canadian Jewish Congress.

The up to 100,000 Jews in South Africa are free to emigrate. But those who choose not to do so face the increasingly worrisome issue of which group — Black or white — to support in the ever-worsening crisis of apartheid, said Barney Harris, national field director for Canada of the United Israel Appeal.

Approximately 100 men and women turned out at Beth Tikvah to hear Feld Carr and Harris. Their talks were sponsored by the shul's social action committee and by the World Jewry Committee of Toronto B'nai B'rith Women.

Feld Carr, who spoke first, told her audience that Jews in Syria are concentrated in the ghettoes of Damascus, Aleppo and Qamishli where their almost every move is watched by the Syrian secret police. She said the Jews can neither vote nor run for office and that they frequently face both arrest and torture.

The situation facing Jewish children, Feld Carr continued, isn't much better. Jewish schools are run by government-appointed directors of education who are Moslem, textbooks in Jewish schools are anti-semitic and three Jewish schools have been forced to accept large numbers of Palestinian students who are hostile to their Jewish classmates.

The educational institutions boast few books or religious objects since many were destroyed, Feld Carr said, in anti-Jewish riots.

Feld Carr painted an equally bleak picture of the economic condition of Syrian Jews. Many, she said, need special permission to sell a car or house and all Jews must tell the secret police of all foreign money sent to them. Jews are ineligible for any government employment.

Because the situation facing Syrian Jews is so hopeless, many try to escape from Syria, Feld Carr said. Those who fail in their attempts have been arrested and thrown into jail.

Jews who have been allowed to leave, usually to visit friends or to seek medical aid, have been required to post a security deposit and to keep their family behind as assurance they'll return, she added.

Feld Carr said Canada must pressure the Syrian government to allow Jews to emigrate. Both Prime Minister Mulroney and External Affairs Minister Joe Clark, she said, must raise the plight of Syrian Jews at all human rights conferences attended by Syria. Freedom for Jews must also be brought up by any trade delegation Canada sends to Damascus, she added.

Feld Carr also decried the lack of attention Syrian Jews receive in the West. "The Jews of Syria are probably the best kept secret in the Jewish world today," she said, adding that Refuseniks seem to care more than North American Jews for the plight of their Syrian brethren.

In the same vein, Feld Carr warned her audience not to turn their backs on Syrian Jews lest they fall victim to the same neglect which enveloped the Jews of Europe during the Holocaust.

Survival of a different sort is the question now facing South African Jews, Harris told the Beth Tikvah audience. Increasingly, he said, as the crisis of apartheid worsens, Jews are asking themselves if they can continue to make a living and, more important, if they can continue to live in South Africa as Jews.

Estimates vary as the size of the South African Jewish community, Harris said. Some reports have placed it as high as 100,000; others, as low as 70,000.

Last year, Harris said, 5,000 Jews left South Africa, and they did so out of concern for what would happen in the country, not because of anti-semitism.

"Jews are leaving because they are in the main unhappy with their situation. They are leaving because they fear for the future, for the coming showdown — where a Jew won't be a Jew but a white."

Tracing the history of Jews in South Africa, Harris said that most Jews treated Blacks kindlier and paid them more than did most whites. But, he added, there was never any tide of moral indignation in the Jewish community against apartheid.

Some Jews did speak out but some rabbis who did the same, Harris noted, were warned by their congregations "to shut up or get out."

Even the South African Jewish Board of Deputies, said Harris, soft-pedalled opposition to apartheid, saying that it was up to the individual, and not the Jewish community itself, to speak out against racial segregation.

But that policy changed in 1976, Harris said, when the board declared that attitudes and practices based on racial discrimination were no longer acceptable.

Harris asked his audience to try to understand the situation facing South African Jews. Many, he said, have forebears from the same towns and villages in Eastern Europe as those Jews who emigrated to North America.

Office in Washington

Palestinians to fight closure

By
EDWIN BLACK

WASHINGTON —
Faced with a state department order to shut their doors on Oct. 15, the beleaguered Palestine Information Office in Washington has two counterchecks in mind: a legal challenge and outright evasion.

"But the bottom line," says a state department source, "is both will fail. They'll lose. They're out."

Under the terms of their 4-page closure letter, the Palestine Information Office (PIO) must totally cease operations. After Oct. 15, the office may not operate telephone, postage machines, or any business machine, it may not purchase any office supplies, honor any contracts, or indeed conduct any business.

In Fact, the PIO must cancel its office lease, vacate the premises, fire its employees and sell off its assets.

Control of those assets will be transferred to the state department's Office of Foreign Missions (OFM), which can auction them off or permit them to be liquidated normally. Proceeds go to the PIO unless there are damages the OFM needs to offset, including service charges.

What's more, if in the process of liquidation, the PIO needs to purchase an item as trivial as paper clips, they must acquire them through the OFM.

"Yes," confirms OFM legal counsel Ron Mlotek, "our office will even act as a purchasing agent" in such circumstances.

But PIO director Hassan Rahman, reached at home, last week, declared: "We have hired a team of lawyers — not one lawyer, a team — and we intend to fight it." Indeed, a host of organizations are anxious to help, from the American Civil Liberties Union to a phalanx of Arab-American groups. The battle will commence within days.

The Jewish Quiz

QUESTIONS:

(1) When do some begin to build the booths for Succoth?

2. What are the Four Species, used on Succoth, made up of?

3. What is described in the Bible as "the fruit of a goodly tree" (*Peri etz hadar*)?

Edmond Lipsitz

ANSWERS:

1. As soon as the Day of Atonement ends.

2. Three sprigs of myrtle and two of willow, bound to the lulav ("branches of palm trees") and the etrog.

3. The etrog used on Succoth.

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These questions and answers came from the book 6400 Questions About Judaism and the Jewish People by Edmond Y. Lipsitz, published by JESL Educational Products, Downsview. Dr. Lipsitz would be pleased to receive your comments, or to consider your own Jewish quiz questions for inclusion in future columns. Write to him, c/o Canadian Jewish News.

Balfour letter will be displayed

LONDON (JTA) —
The historic letter that British Foreign Secretary Arthur Balfour wrote on Nov. 2, 1917 pledging Britain's support for a Jewish national home in Palestine will be on exhibition in Israel as part of the country's 40th anniversary celebrations next year.

The letter was addressed to Lord Rothschild, a prominent British Jew. Balfour asked him to convey its contents to the English Zionist Federation whose chairman was Chaim Weizmann.

In issuing the letter, Britain became the first major power to associate itself with the objective of the Zionist movement, founded by Theodor Herzl in 1897. It became known to posterity as the Balfour Declaration.

Though quoted and reprinted in countless newspapers, books and pamphlets, the brief letter was never before shown to the public. The original was deposited by the Rothschild family at the British Library. The latter has agreed to lend it to Israel. The transfer was arranged here by the Zionist Federation of Great Britain.

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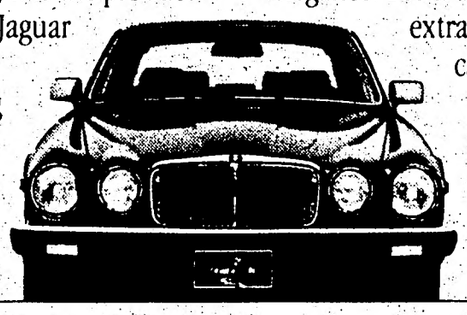

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Members of Canadian Friends of Tel Aviv University are cordially invited to attend.

DIARY ...of a People

By DAVID BIRKAN

Simchat Bet haShoeva took place in the second Temple era on Succot. The joyous water drawing festival is commemorated in religious Israel today.

Tradition regards Succot as the time of judgment for precipitation. Unlike Egypt with its overflowing Nile, the Holy Land was — and still is — dependent on rainfall for all its agriculture and drinking water; drought meant starvation. The bestowing of rain in due measure at the right times is also regarded as part of a moral universe of cause and effect, as stated in the Sh'ma Yisrael recitation. Rainfall is one of God's ways of reward or punishment. Unlike other natural processes that He relegated to his "angels" (laws of nature), God is described as keeping for Himself the keys to the treasury of rain.

Rain crucial

The yoreh, the season's first rainfall, is expected at the end of Succot. Its delay continues to trigger a cycle of penitential fasts.

Simchat Bet haShoeva expressed the community's dependence on and fervent desire for rain. As Rabbi Akiva put it: "The Holy One, blessed be He, said: 'Pour out water before Me on Succot, so that you will be blessed with rain.'" The how was provided by the words of Isaiah: "With joy shall you draw water out of the wells of salvation." Animated in part by the aggregate of High Holiday energy and emotions, like modern Simchat Torah day rallies, it was a mass demonstration that shook Jerusalem. "Whoever has not seen the shoeva, does not know what real joy is," state the rabbis of the Talmud.

The festivities (not performed during the Yom Tov itself or on an intervening Shabbat) began on the second evening of Succot and lasted for five or six nights.

The Mishnah paints a vivid picture. "At the end of the first day of Succot, the Cohanim, Leviim and the people flocked to the Temple court with its special sections for men and women. It was brilliantly illuminated by huge golden candelabras, each topped by four golden bowls made accessible by ladders. Four young priests held jars of oil to feed the lamps.

"There was no courtyard in Jerusalem that was not illuminated by the lights that shone from the Temple.

"Pious men would dance with torches in their hands and sing hymns and songs. Countless Leviim, with harps, lyres, cymbals, trumpets, and other musical instruments, stood there upon the 15 steps that led from the men's court to the women's court, which corresponded to the Psalms' 15 shirei hamaalot (songs of ascent). At each step they paused to sing one of the songs. At the upper gate stood two Cohanim sounding the shofar as the Leviim ascended."

Faced Temple

When the procession reached the gate that led out of the city to the east — the present Gate of Mercy, barred by the Arabs to prevent the Messiah's entry — its members halted and turned to face the Temple again. There they proclaimed: "In the days of the first Temple, our fathers who were in this place turned their faces to the east and worshipped the sun, but, as for us, our eyes were turned to the Lord."

At daybreak, they marched triumphantly from the Temple to the pool of Siloam at the foot of the hill below. In a gold flask, they drew three lugim (pints, roughly) of water, which they carried back up to the Temple and poured out upon the altar along with a libation of wine.

"We did not know sleep," said Rabbi Yehoshua ben Chananiah. "In the first hour was the morning offering (and the water libation); then the prayer; then the musaf offering followed by the musaf prayer; then to the house of study and from there to eat and drink. From there (we went), to the mincha offering, and from then onwards (through the night) to the Simchat Bet haShoeva."

Now, religious neighborhoods across Jerusalem commemorate the festival on an intermediate night of Succot with song, dance, food, and drink until the break of day.

In Toronto, Ohr Someyach/Jewish Education Program will hold a Bet haShoeva celebration Oct. 12, 8 p.m. at Agudat Israel Congregation, 129 McGillivray.

German firm used forced laborers

Car maker to pay compensation

Mercedes researching how best to repay those used by Nazis

HAIFA (JPFS) — The West German Daimler-Benz concern, which produces Mercedes Benz cars, has decided to pay compensation to the forced laborers it used during the Nazi period.

The head of the firm's public relations department, Bernd Gottschalk, announced the decision at a ceremony at Haifa University. Many of the forced laborers were Jews.

Gottschalk headed a company delegation to the inauguration at the university of the Gottlieb Schumacher Research Institute to study the Christian contribution to the development of 19th century Palestine. The company sponsored the institute with a $250,000 donation.

Gottschalk said the institute would be "an expression of our ties with Israel."

He said that last year, when marking the centenary of the invention of the motor car, the company board decided to open its archives and study its use of forced labor during the Third Reich, with a view to paying compensation.

Gottschalk said the board believed a general payout to be preferable to individual payments. It has yet to make a final decision, pending the outcome of research into the problem done for the company in Germany, Israel and the U.S.

West German President Richard von Weizsaecker sent a message to the university ceremony, which was read out by Ambassador Wilhelm Haas.

The president welcomed the founding of the institute "as an encouragement to the understanding and cooperation between Germany and Israel." Haas, who spoke in Hebrew, noted that the German contribution to the development of Palestine had been one of the bright pages, among many dark ones, in the history of German-Jewish relations.

The institute, which is headed by Prof. Alex Carmel, was named after the son of an early Templar. Schumacher was a construction engineer who worked on many local buildings, including the Rishon Lezion wine cellars, and conducted important excavations. He was the first to dig at Megiddo. His daughter, Nellie, now 92, still lives in Haifa. Schumacher died here in 1925.

Daimler-Benz did more than DM100 million worth of business in Israel last year, having doubled its turnover in three years. With about 3,000 Mercedes buses, Israel is the company's largest overseas bus customer. Some 75% of this country's taxis and 80% of its medium-sized commercial vehicles are also Mercedes.

The firm has its headquarters in Stuttgart, in the state of Wuerttemberg — where the Templar movement was founded over 100 years ago.

The Templars believed that the Jews "missed their chance" when they refused to recognize Christ as the Messiah, and that the Templars, "the nation of God," were destined to take over the Holy Land.

They brought with them many innovations, including horse-drawn public transport and town planning, and contributed significantly to the development of the country during the last century.

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West German visit prompts new hope

A recent development in German-Jewish relations is worthy of note. The New York Times (Sept. 27) reports that as the result of initiatives by a German academic and an American rabbi, a group of American-Jewish teenagers has just completed a 2½-week visit to West Germany.

During the visit the American youngsters stayed with German families, met with student peers and conversed with politicians. According to the Times report there were a lot of misty-eyed people when the time came for the Americans to return to the United States. A real camaraderie had been established.

This is the first time since the Holocaust that such an event has occurred and it harbingers well for the future. The participants in the meetings with German families indicate that there was considerable anxiety and tension during the first encounters but that these feelings dissipated quickly.

The reluctance to raise the Holocaust with their German hosts soon passed. It turned out that "for many younger Germans too, the Holocaust was a painful burden and troubling question."

One of the reasons for the success of the informal program was the extreme candor that characterized the discussions between the two groups. Some of the Germans expressed contrition at the behavior of their parents' and grandparents' generation.

Others spoke openly about their desire to slough off the burden of recent German history. "I can only say that what happened 40 years ago won't happen while I live," was the comment offered by one of the German students in the dialogue.

Most of the Americans were surprised at how much the young Germans actually knew about the Holocaust. It was revealed that instruction about it is carried on in religion classes in the primary schools and then in history and social sciences classes. Many of the Germans had visited the sites of concentration camps.

The German organizer of the trip, a professor at the University of Bonn, hoped that the encounters would expose Americans to images of the new Germany.

A 2½-week visit by American teenagers cannot transform the burden of recent history. It can, however, be a first step in placing that burden in its correct context.

It is a step in the right direction.

Our responsibilities to Soviet immigrants

We note with interest the conclusions reached by Montrealer Jack Lightman in his recent study of the immigration of Soviet Jews (CJN Sept. 4).

The research project, the fruit of some three years of interviews and funded by the federal multicultural department, calls for the development of new strategies in helping to integrate Soviet Jewish immigrants into this country.

A former professor of social work, Lightman recommends that lay members of the community should be more actively involved with the reception and resettlement of Soviet Jews.

Lightman urges the creation of lay committees which would mesh with community agencies in assisting Soviet Jewish immigrants in their social, cultural and employment integration.

This approach, he suggests, might neutralize some of the anxieties experienced by Soviet Jews who are newly arrived in Canada. Some of the latter feel that they are treated in an impersonal manner by the bureaucratic agencies they encounter.

Complaints about pension benefits (by older immigrants), employment possibilities and educational opportunities for younger immigrants are among other criticisms voiced by some of the newcomers.

The Lightman report recommends, and rightly so, that Soviet immigrants to Canada be made aware, before they arrive in this country, what they can realistically anticipate in terms of jobs, education and social adjustment.

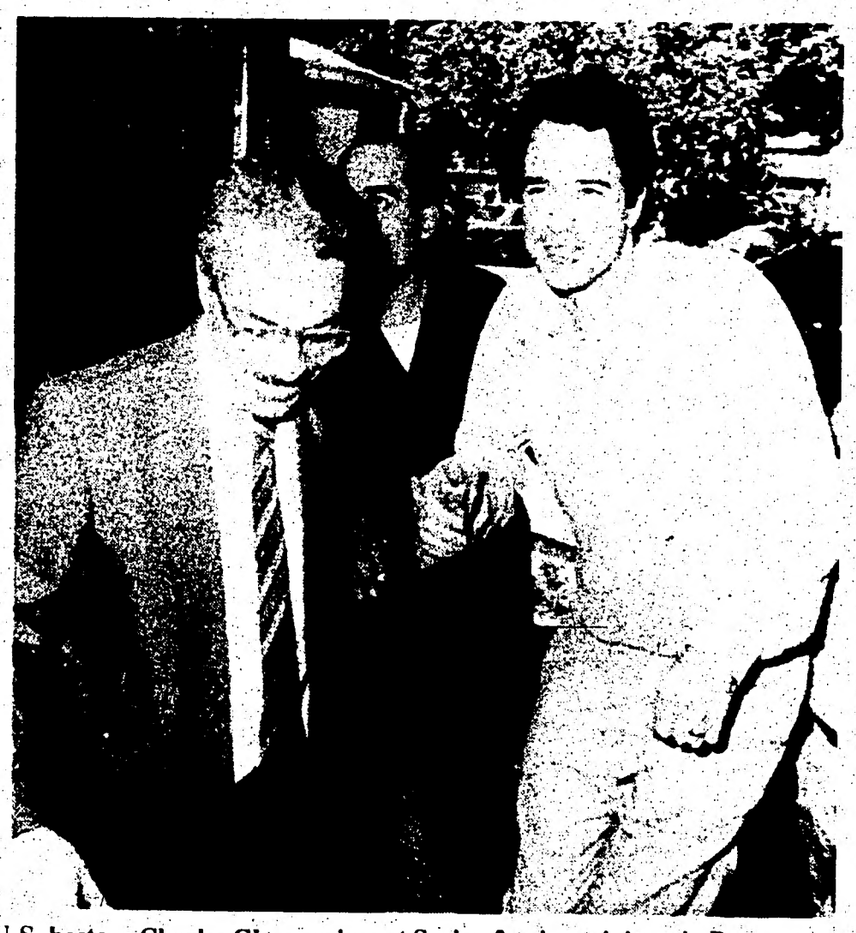
It is ironic that Canadian Jews — who have worked so energetically to obtain the right of Soviet Jews to leave their country — do not always follow up that struggle by providing Soviet Jewish immigrants with a warm reception once they arrive here.

Our responsibility to Soviet Jews does not end once they receive the exit visa. It must continue until they are well integrated into Canadian society. In the age of glasnost and the anticipated arrival in Canada of thousands of Soviet Jews, Jack Lightman's recommendations appear to be right on target.

Rapprochement with Washington

Syria emerging from isolation

By SHELDON KIRSHNER



U.S. hostage Charles Glass arrives at Syrian foreign ministry in Damascus.

Syria, stung by political and economic sanctions imposed by Western nations in 1986 for its alleged support of international terrorism, is gradually emerging from its isolation.

•Last month, the U.S. ambassador to Syria, William Eagleton, returned to Damascus after an absence of 11 months.

•In July, the European Economic Community announced plans to resume high-level diplomatic relations with Syria.

Syria's reputation, such as it is, was badly tarnished in 1986 when the Syrian embassy in London was implicated in the attempted bombing of a Tel Aviv bound El Al jumbo jet. Had it not been for the vigilance of an Israeli security guard at Heathrow Airport, the bomb, concealed in a suitcase, would have exploded and killed more than 300 passengers.

If this had happened, Israel probably would have attacked Syria and possibly triggered another war in the Middle East.

Syria's role in the plot came to light during the trial of Nizar Hindawi, the Jordanian national who tried to smuggle the bomb onto the plane through an unwitting accomplice, his pregnant Irish girlfriend.

In his testimony, Hindawi confessed that Maj. Gen. Mohammed Khuli, a close associate of Syrian President Hafez Assad, had sent him to London and that the Syrian embassy had attempted to spirit him out of Britain.

Although the Syrian government heatedly denied involvement in the conspiracy, the evidence seemed to suggest that Syria had indeed instigated and planned it down to the last detail.

As a result, Britain broke diplomatic relations with Syria and, at Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's urging, the European Economic Community slapped sanctions against Damascus — the freezing of aid, an arms embargo and surveillance of Syrian diplomatic activities.

In a gesture of solidarity with its NATO partner, Washington withdrew its ambassador from Syria, reduced its embassy staff in Damascus, restricted American exports and banned the selling of tickets in the U.S. for the Syrian national airline.

These developments represented a blow to Syria, which was already rather isolated in the Arab world for having aligned itself with Iran in the Gulf War.

Nevertheless, Hafez Assad rejected charges of Syrian complicity in terrorism, claiming that Israel and the U.S. actually were its arch practitioners.

Within months of his statement, Syrian credibility was further shaken when a court in West Berlin handed down a 14-year prison sentence on two Arabs for their roles in the bombing of the German-Arab Friendship Society office.

One of the convicted men in that case was Nizar Hindawi's brother. The judge said that "Syrian agencies" had been involved in the bombing, which severely wounded nine Arabs.

Syrian claims of innocence were challenged yet again early this year when an Italian prosecutor contended that a 1985 terrorist attack on Rome airport had been planned in Syria and carried out by the Damascus-based Abu Nidal organization.

In the face of these grave accusations, Hafez Assad decided to rein in Abu Nidal, who has been described as the most dangerous terrorist in the world.

Last June, Syria reportedly closed his office, confiscated documents and literature and expelled an estimated 1,200 members of the rapidly growing rejectionist Palestinian organization led by Sabri al-Banna, whose death has been reported several times in the past few years.

Heartened by the expulsions, President Ronald Reagan drafted a letter to Assad suggesting high-level U.S.-Syrian talks on a wide range of issues, including the question of American hostages still being held in Lebanon by Shiite extremists.

Syria has considerable influence in Lebanon, more so since Feb. 22, when 7,500 Syrian troops took over West Beirut and encircled its southern suburbs, where the hostages are believed to be. There are a total of 25 — 10 Americans, six French, three Britons, two West Germans, an Indian, an Irishman, a Saudi Arabian and a South Korean.

In the first week of July, Reagan dispatched Vernon Walters — the chief U.S. delegate to the United Nations and a longtime state department troubleshooter — to Damascus for discussions on the hostages, the Iran-Iraq war and the Arab-Israeli peace process. After conferring with Assad, Walters said that the Syrian president considered the pursuit of the hostages a "question of honor."

Be that as it may, the Syrians were particularly interested in the fate of one hostage, Charles Glass, an ABC correspondent who was seized on June 17 by 15 gunmen. Glass, who was kidnapped along with the son of the Lebanese defence minister, was the first person to be abducted since Syria's military intervention in West Beirut. His abduction was therefore regarded by the Syrians as an unacceptable challenge to their authority.

Glass was released on Aug. 18 and taken to Damascus by Syrian security officers. Farouk al-Sharaa, the foreign minister, turned him over to the American embassy. Glass claimed that he escaped from his captors, but the Reagan administration suggested that he owed his freedom to Syrian intervention.

Phyllis Oakley, a state department spokesperson, said the U.S. was "grateful" to Syria for its "efforts," while Secretary of State George Shultz, in a letter, officially thanked Syria for its help in expediting the matter.

In spite of these developments, Washington's relationship with Damascus is still less than cordial, and this accounts for the fact that American and European Economic Community sanctions are still in place.

Firstly, Syria continues to tolerate the presence of Abu Nidal's training camps in the Syrian-controlled Bekaa Valley in eastern Lebanon.

Secondly, there is no reason to believe that Maj.Gen. Khuli, Assad's chief security officer and head of air force intelligence, has been replaced or demoted. As far as observers can ascertain, he remains firmly entrenched in his position.

In addition to these factors, Syrian policy, ranging from the Gulf War to Israel, is widely at odds with that of the U.S.

Why, then, has there been something of a rapprochement between Washington and Damascus?

•The hostage factor cannot be ignored. Even if further evidence was not required, the Charles Glass episode demonstrated that Syria has leverage in Lebanon. Syria's relations with radical Shiites may be strained but its ties with Iran — their patron saint — more than compensate for that deficiency.

•Washington knows full well that Syria has a crucial role to play in ending the war in the Persian Gulf. The Syrians exert some influence over Iran because they channel weapons to the Iranians and provide them with political support. (In return, Iran supplies Syria with cheap oil and bleeds its enemy, Iraq.)

•Syria is a vital player in any process that could resolve the Arab-Israeli conflict through peaceful means. Syria, much to Israel's dismay and frustration, can veto any arrangement Israel may reach with Jordan or Palestinian representatives. The Americans seem to have come around to accepting Syria's importance as a potential partner in peace.

Syria's motives for warming up ties with the U.S. are also pretty clear.

•Assad, who is nothing if not a realist, realizes that he has no chance whatsoever of regaining even part of the Golan Heights without U.S. input.

•He needs the U.S. to improve Syria's tattered image in the West.

•He requires Western economic assistance to succor his battered economy.

Ironically, Syria's rapprochement with the U.S., which may not be viewed favorably by such Arab regimes as Libya or South Yemen, or by Iran, has prompted Assad to unleash his proxies in Lebanon against Israel.

In the view of analysts in Israel, recent assaults on Israeli army positions in southern Lebanon by the pro-Iranian Hizbullah and the ~~pro-~~Syrian Lebanese National Resistance Front enable Syria to defuse criticism that it is cozying up to the Americans.

If these observations are correct, Israel should expect still fiercer attacks against its soldiers in southern Lebanon.

Opinion

Then University of Chicago economist became curious about Jewish state

Death of Israeli student in 67 war affected Shultz

By
WOLF BLITZER

WASHINGTON —

In June 1982, many Israeli officials and American Jewish leaders reacted negatively and nervously to President Ronald Reagan's announcement that George Shultz was succeeding Alexander Haig as secretary of state. They were concerned about Shultz's position toward Israel.

Like Defence Secretary Caspar Weinberger, Shultz would be coming into the Reagan administration directly from several years in the Bechtel Corporation, a San Francisco engineering and construction company with huge contracts in Saudi Arabia and elsewhere in the Arab world — and with no contracts in Israel. The pro-Israel community in the United States was worried that Shultz was going to move Washington away from Jerusalem. That, at least, was the conventional wisdom.

Yitzhak Rabin, then an opposition Member of Knesset but a former Prime Minister, was one of the few Israeli leaders who warmly welcomed the Shultz appointment. He told friends that he had known Shultz in the late 1960s and early 1970s when he served as Israel's ambassador to the United States. Shultz was then secretary of labor in the Nixon administration. According to Rabin, Shultz was very sympathetic to Israel.

Rabin, of course, was absolutely right. Shultz does indeed have a soft spot in his heart for Israel which has been demonstrated repeatedly over these past five years. In fact, he has become the best friend Israel has ever had in the state department. This was very vividly underlined the other day when he granted me an exclusive interview.

Asked why he has been so supportive of Israel, the secretary replied: "I think, basically, because it deserves support. It's a country in a very important region. It's democratic in its nature, that has a special kind of relationship with the United States that's built, in part, on how Israel came into being in the first place and with which there are ties that are very personal for a great many people, not just the Jewish people."

The secretary, who is not Jewish, paused and then added: "I think that our support for Israel has basically been very much in the interests of the United States."

He sat in his large and ornately decorated 7th floor state department office. He appeared confident and relaxed following three days of intense but successful talks with the visiting Soviet Foreign Minister, Eduard Shevardnadze. He looked tan and fit, wearing a light blue dress shirt and red tie but no suit jacket. He was joined by his press spokesman, Charles Redman, and his top personal aide, Charles Hill, both of whom are very able and highly respected career foreign service officers.

Shultz, during his own confirmation hearings before the Senate foreign relations committee in 1982, had clearly sought to allay concerns about his attitude toward Israel that he knew existed among Israeli officials, pro-Israel lawmakers and American Jewish leaders.

In the course of his comments at that time, he told a very moving story of his own personal involvement with Israel, going back to May 1967 when war clouds were looming over the Middle East. The late Egyptian President Gamal Abdul Nasser had just expelled the United Nations peacekeeping force from Sinai, blockaded Israeli shipping leading to the port of Eilat, and massed thousands of forces along Israel's frontier. There were dire threats against Israel broadcast over Egyptian radio. Israeli reserve units began mobilizing.

Shultz was then dean of the business school at the University of Chicago. He was an internationally renowned economist. He recalled that one of his best graduate students, an Israeli named Yosef Levi, had quickly returned to Israel to join his activated unit and was killed in action on the Golan Heights on the sixth day of the war.

The death of Levi clearly had an impact on Shultz. That was quite apparent during the testimony that day. It was also apparent during the interview with me. Thus, he shot back very quickly "Oh, I do" when I asked if he remembered the incident. "I remember him because he was so good," Shultz said, referring to Levi.

The academic year at the University of Chicago, Shultz said, was divided into quarters. Every quarter, Shultz and his wife would host a party for the students who made the dean's list for outstanding grades. "We got to know him because he was always there," Shultz recalled. "He was absolutely tops. I can't remember a student who was so talented. He had not only brains but sometimes you see very smart young people — intellectually, very capable — who also had a kind of maturity. Usually, at young ages, when people are very bright, they. . .they're so brilliant, they're not settled down much, but he was. He had it all."

Levi, whom Shultz called Joseph, was being actively courted by the University of Chicago to accept an academic appointment. "In university circles," Shultz said in our interview, "when you see somebody like this, the faculty wants to hold onto him. You want him to stay at the University of Chicago and be a member of the faculty, because you can see that he's clearly got it. But it was clear that he wasn't going to do that. He was going to go back to Israel."

Shultz said he was very sad when he heard of the news. He decided, then and there, that he would have to visit Israel at the first available opportunity. He had never been to Israel. He wanted to learn of the country — what makes it tick. He especially wanted to understand what had convinced that graduate student to make such a great personal sacrifice.

History has a strange way of working itself out. The first opportunity Shultz had to visit Israel came in 1969, shortly after President Richard Nixon named him to be secretary of labor. Shultz, in Washington only for a few weeks, was invited to a diplomatic reception where he was introduced to Yitzhak Rabin, then Israel's ambassador. Shultz told Rabin that he wanted to visit Israel. He told him the story of Levi. Shultz asked if Rabin could organize a trip to Israel for him.

Rabin, a former army chief of staff, was by then already an astute diplomat. He recognized the importance of bringing Shultz to Israel. He quickly had Israel's minister of labor, Yosef Almogi, invite the U.S. secretary of labor to Israel.

Shultz accepted the invitation. While in Israel, he made a point to go up to the Golan Heights. He wanted to see where Levi had been killed. He spoke with his commanding officers and fellow soldiers. He wanted to know of the exact military circumstances. Shultz, himself, is a former marine; he understands something about combat.

"I went up the Golan Heights on that trip and made contact with Levi's parents," he said.

Shultz also met with a wide range of other Israelis. He was very moved by what he saw and heard. Clearly, the trip to Israel strengthened his pro-Israeli convictions.

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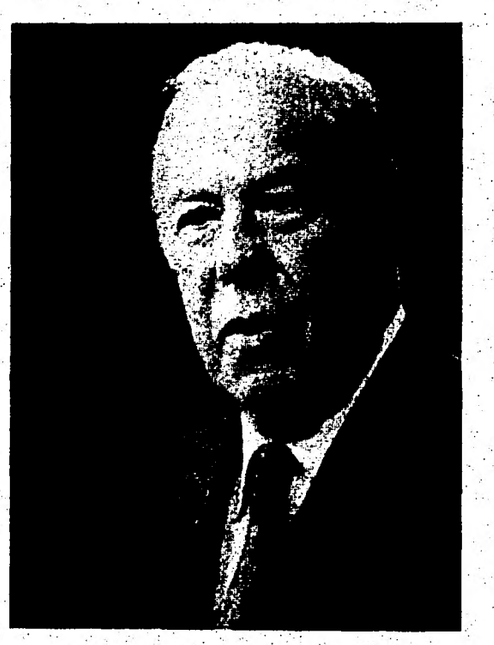
Three years ago, Shultz was the prime mover in the administration in pushing for a $1.5 billion dollar emergency economic aid package for Israel. The money was linked to certain Israeli economic reforms. The strategy paid off. Israel's inflation has been brought under control. Its balance of trade has improved as has the level of its foreign currency reserves.



George Shultz

The secretary has also been very influential in promoting closer military and strategic ties with Israel. He pushed hard for the establishment of the joint U.S.-Israeli committee on military-political cooperation. "We have the joint political-military group that has involved people more broadly in considering the issues involved there," he said.

Unsung hero in Toronto recounts escapades

Greek teen helped PoWs flee from Nazis

By
RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —

Asked why she risked her life as a teenager to help 54 Jewish, Canadian, British and Australian prisoners escape during the Nazi occupation of Greece between 1941 and 1944, Dolly Paschakis merely shrugs. "It's something that's in me," she says. "I can't say no to anyone in need. If you see a drowning person, you don't ask who he is."

Dolly (her real name is Helen) is an attractive woman of 61. Her sandy-blonde hair is arranged in neat sweeps across her forehead. A widow, she lives quietly in suburban North York. Except that she is dressed entirely in black, still in mourning for her mother Elisabeth, who died at the age of 96 in Toronto over the summer, there is little that appears unusual about this woman. It is only after her story begins to be told that one realizes what a remarkable person she is.

Elisabeth Paschakis lived in Toronto for 23 years, yet only a handful of people knew what she did. Unsung heroes are rare these days, but in this family, heroism was thought of as second nature.

In 1941, Dolly Paschakis was a 15-year-old school girl with thoughts of friends and studies in her head, not of wartime escapades. In May of that year, Germany invaded Greece and installed a Nazi puppet government in Athens. The University of Athens was converted into a makeshift PoW camp, where hundreds of Allied prisoners were kept.

The university was on young Dolly's way home from school, and every day she saw the gaunt, desperate faces of those soldiers from Canada, Britain, Australia and New Zealand staring out from the windows of the camp. Several of them were Jews.

One day, she screwed up all her nerve and managed to elude the German patrol in front of the school, as she ran across the street to speak to the prisoners. Had the Nazis seen her, she says, they would have shot her without even a thought.

"I was a kid. Kids have no fear," she says. So the guard couldn't see her, Dolly stood between the building and a bomb shelter that wrapped around low level windows to prevent glass from shattering. Because she spoke English, she was able to understand the prisoners, who at first all said they wanted toothpaste.

Soon, Dolly's death-defying visits to the soldiers were almost a daily after-school activity, the same way kids today play basketball. And every time she went to see the soldiers and exchange notes with them, Dolly was punished by her mother for coming home late.

"I didn't tell her anything because I was afraid she would stop me," Dolly says. At school, her grades began to slip. "For three months, I'd get spanked almost every day." But she kept on seeing the soldiers.

The 15-year-old had a plan. Adjoining the university was a shop and she persuaded its owner to allow as many prisoners as possible to escape through a hole in a floor of the university and into the store.

Dolly Paschakis (right) and her mother, Elisabeth.

While an attractive young female accomplice of Dolly's distracted the Nazi guards with cigarettes and liquor, the prisoners made their escape and were spirited to the homes of Dolly's friends, on the outskirts of Athens. Still, her mother knew nothing, until one day Dolly heard that the Germans were conducting a house-to-house search for the escapees in the suburbs.

Tearfully, Dolly confessed her activities and asked her mother whether she could bring some of the prisoners home. "My mother wasn't angry," says Dolly. "She said, 'Yes, of course.' "

Getting the escapees back to the Paschakis house was a nerve-wracking mission, Dolly recalls. The subways were always crawling with German soldiers, so the prisoners were given new clothes with long sleeves (to hide the tattooed numbers on their arms) and forged identification cards, courtesy a sympathetic Greek official. Each was given a Greek name, which he learned to say flawlessly.

Seventeen of them hid in the Paschakis home; the rest were scattered with friends and family. Despite the meager war rations of the day, the Greek families shared every scrap of food with the escapees.

Word of Dolly's activities got around in the Greek resistance and she soon joined forces with an organization called Bouboulina, an underground group that helped PoWs escape from Greece. Its leader, Lela Karayanis, was caught by the Germans in 1944 and executed.

Among those Dolly and Karayanis's group helped escape from the University of Athens was a 20-year-old soldier wounded in the Battle of Crete, Roy Farran, who would later be solicitor-general of Alberta.

In 1977, Farran recalled, "Although there was an acute famine in Athens at the time, our group did not go short of food and were not discovered in the frequent house-to-house searches by the Germans." The Paschakis family, Farran stated, "gave valuable service" to the Allied cause.

Eventually, everyone knew the prisoners had to be spirited out of Greece. Six of them, including Farran and two Jews, had already been put on a Greek fishing boat to Egypt. After nine days at sea, four of them without food or water, they were picked up by a British destroyer. But the Paschakis family had not heard back from them and feared the worst.

Together with her sister Dimitra and brother Leandros, Dolly thought up an escape plan for the rest of the men: they would ride to a monastery near the sea in a convoy of four taxis with Dolly in the last; if the first was to be caught at a German checkpoint, it would signal the rest to turn around.

With some of the prisoners' hair dyed blond to make them look "Aryan," the convoy made it and the rest of the men escaped on fishing boats, some to Palestine.

Dolly's mother, her sister and brother, however, were eventually caught by the Gestapo. Elisabeth Paschakis, then 53, was placed in the Hadera concentration camp where, for 18 months, she was tortured and starved, but she never revealed information about the escapees or where Dolly was.

Family refused government compensation

"My mother had a saying: 'I don't know' is one word. 'I do know' is a whole story," says Dolly, who spent the rest of the Nazi occupation in hiding, but only after astutely telling her sister to destroy all photographs of her so the Germans would not know what she looked like. The Germans wanted Dolly so badly, they put an exorbitant price on her head.

"My mother was completely skin and bones when she came out," says Dolly. "She was paralyzed for eight months."

After the war, the British government awarded the family 1 million Greek drachmas in recognition of its efforts, but the money was turned down. "We were the only Greek family to refuse money for helping PoWs" says Dolly. "We did it for humanity."

In 1961, the Greek government awarded the Paschakis family a medal of bravery. Dolly came to Canada in the early 60s and was joined by her mother in 1964. "My mother was a lovely person, with great dignity," her daughter says. "She loved people."

Opinion

Documentary depicts dramatic story

Le Chambon was haven in Nazi-occupied France

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO —

There may not be another story like that of Le Chambon-sur-Ligne in the annals of the Holocaust.

For a period of little more than one year, ending with the Allied liberation of France in 1944, this remote town of 5,000 inhabitants sheltered and nurtured 5,000 Jewish refugees fleeing the terror of Nazism.

Approximately 75,000 Jews perished during the war years, dispatched to death camps by the German occupation forces and the Vichy government police. But in Le Chambon, inhabited mainly by Protestant Huguenots, and occupied by the Germans in November of 1942, Jews found a haven in a sea of persecution.

Pierre Sauvage was born there in March of 1944, the son of Jews. As far as he knows, the events in Le Chambon — some 380 miles south of Paris — were truly unique. "I would like nothing better than to discover another such place," he said the other afternoon. "But I'm not optimistic that it ever existed."

Sauvage has made a fascinating documentary on Le Chambon. Called *Weapons of the Spirit*, it was screened at the recent Toronto film festival. Its title comes from an exhortation by the late Andre Trocme, the Protestant pastor of Le Chambon. Shortly after the fall of France in June of 1940, Trocme, a pacifist and anti-fascist, told his parishioners: "The duty of Christians is to respond to the violence that will be brought to bear on their consciences with the weapons of the spirit."

Partly because of Trocme's spiritual message, and partly because of their Christian fundamentalist values, the people of Le Chambon responded magnificently to the evil that descended on them.

For many years, Sauvage was at best dimly aware of what had happened in Le Chambon. His parents, eager to forget the war years and adapt to their new home in the U.S., rarely, if ever, talked about that chapter in their lives.

When he was 18, Sauvage — who was raised in New York City, but who now lives in Los Angeles — returned to France to study literature at the Sorbonne in Paris. Sauvage stayed with his cousin, Samuel Pisar, an international attorney cum-author who had been an advisor in the Kennedy administration. Although Pisar had survived the Holocaust and had written about his experiences in a critically-acclaimed memoir, *Of Blood and Hope*, he had little to say about them.

In 1964, Sauvage accompanied his parents on a brief trip to France during which they stopped in Le Chambon. It left no deep impression on him. Meanwhile, his interests turned from literature to cinema. While working as a producer at a Los Angeles television station, his wife suggested that he do a documentary on the Yiddish language. His report, *Yiddish: The Mame Loshn*, won an Emmy and sparked an interest in his Jewish roots.

In 1980, Sauvage and his wife were in Europe. He was working on a film about why the Allies had not bombed the rail lines leading to Auschwitz. In the course of their travels, they visited Le Chambon. "I was bowled over by the people I met. It was a very powerful experience."

Sauvage was particularly struck by his meeting with Henri and Emma Heritier, simple peasants who had known his parents and whose daughter, Eva, had cared for him. When Emma Heritier pulled out a framed photograph of Sauvage, held in the arms of Eva Heritier, he felt a strong surge of emotion, and decided there and then to make a film about Le Chambon.

"I had been working on the most depressing side of the Holocaust, and here were people who had acted well during it, extraordinary people. Plus, it was my story, and inherently more dramatic."

In an interview here two days after the screening of *Weapons of the Spirit*, the intense filmmaker talked about how his mother and father, Polish and French Jews respectively, reached Le Chambon.

After escaping to southern France, into the collaborationist Vichy zone, Leo Sauvage's wife became pregnant with Pierre. "They thought that an isolated town like Le Chambon, cut off by mountains and forests, would be safer than cities like Marseilles and Nice, where they had previously lived," he explained.

Le Chambon had a tradition of welcoming strangers in duress. During the Spanish civil war, republican troops found a refuge there. And after the German invasion of France, Jewish and non-Jewish refugees were directed to Le Chambon by various relief organizations, including American Quakers.

The Sauvages, who had obtained false Christian identity papers in Marseilles, arrived in Le Chambon in the autumn of 1943, renting a room from the Roches, a farming family. They lived with them until France was liberated. Throughout Le Chambon, in private homes and in hotels, Jews from across Europe were given the sort of hospitality they hadn't usually received elsewhere.

For a number of reasons, Le Chambon was a shining beacon of humanity. As members of a formerly persecuted minority, the Huguenots could empathize with the Jews. (The Catholics in Le Chambon, comprising about 10% of the population, also joined in the rescue effort.) Furthermore, they were greatly attached to the Old Testament and fervently believed that the Jews were the Chosen People... ideas that Pastor Andre Trocme had reinforced.

Instilled with these beliefs, the people of Le Chambon were staunchly anti-Vichy and inclined to help Jews in distress. Georges Lamirand, the only Vichy cabinet minister who ever ventured into Le Chambon, got a distinctly cool reception. And when a minor Vichy official questioned Trocme about the Jews, he replied: "I don't know what Jews are, I only know human beings."

In 1943, a Vichy policeman was sent to Le Chambon to check its registry. He did not complete his assignment, having been stabbed to death. To this day, no one is certain who killed him. But in all probability, he met his end at hands of the underground.

The Jews hiding in Le Chambon, where Albert Camus wrote *The Plague*, were also fortunate that the local German commander, Major Julius Schmahling, turned a blind eye to them. Sauvage, in his film, speculates that he may have been an anti-Nazi. In the current edition of Canadian Jewish Outlook, Mike Cass claims that Schmahling was "a practicing Catholic who detested (the Vichy regime) and was appalled at the brutality of his own German soldiers."

Despite the anti-Nazi climate in Le Chambon, the Gestapo managed to ferret out, and deport, 40 Jews housed in one hotel, according to Cass. The manager of that hostelry, Pastor Trocme's cousin, was murdered in Maidanek.

Initially financed by a French TV network, Pierre Sauvage began to shoot *Weapons of the Spirit* in the spring of 1982. His timing was fortuitous. With the exception of Pastor Trocme, all the townspeople who had played an important role in the rescue of the Jews were still alive. Sauvage estimates that half of the participants have since died, including Emma Heritier.

If there is a villain in the film, it is Georges Lamirand, the Vichy minister of youth who appeared in Marcel Ophul's eye-opening film about Vichy France, *The Sorrow and the Pity*.

"He had come off pretty well in Ophul's picture, and he felt he had nothing on his conscience — that he hadn't been involved in the deportation of Jews, that 'some of his best friends are Jewish.' I think he was extraordinarily wrong, for he embodied the apathy and the indifference that greeted these events. I was thrilled with him as a villain."

Apart from filming interviews, Sauvage spent much of his time rounding up photographs about that era in Le Chambon's history. He collected some 1,500 stills, 400 of which he used, and he found stock historical footage in archives.

After assembling a work print of his film last summer, Sauvage showed it to the people of Le Chambon. He was very curious, since *Weapons of the Spirit* is the first film devoted in its entirety to documenting the wartime attitude of the French to the Jews. *The Sorrow and the Pity* dealt with the purely Jewish dimension for only 2½ minutes, according to Sauvage.

Much to his gratification, Le Chambon liked Sauvage's film (as did his parents.) Henri Heritier — who had sheltered a Jewish master forger who churned out precious ration cards and other documents — was also pleased. He rewarded Sauvage with a jar of home-made honey. For Sauvage, nothing could be sweeter.

Weapons of the Spirit was also feted at this year's Cannes Film Festival. Based on discussions with Canadian distributors, Sauvage believes that it will be screened commercially early in 1988, and then on television.

At some point in the future, he hopes to use the same material to shoot a dramatic version told more from the point of view of the Jewish survivors.

For now, however, Sauvage is busy fund raising. The film cost $400,000, and despite generous contributions from corporations and individuals, he remains $100,000 in debt.

He hopes that Friends of Le Chambon, the non-profit foundation he established (8033 Sunset Blvd., Suite 784, Los Angeles, Ca. 90046), will tide him through his current financial difficulties.

Pierre Sauvage, director of Weapons of the Spirit, is seen in the ruins of the farmhouse in Le Chambon, France, where he was born during the Nazi occupation. Sauvage and his parents were among the 5,000 Jews sheltered in this unique Christian oasis during the Holocaust.

School reunion sparks trip down memory lane and gaze into the mirror

By
ELAINE KAHN

My high school reunion is next weekend — but, as they say, probably there is most likely nothing to fear but fear itself.

There are two kinds of people in the world: those who say "keep in touch" and those who actually do. I belong to the latter, and rarer, group. I am not making this peculiar trek out to Oshawa to reunite with people who were very important to me — I have kept up with them directly or via the grapevine. Or they're dead.

I am also not making this pilgrimage to see how the old hometown has changed, because I visit my parents often enough to know it, in essence, hasn't. I have heard that many who have passed through my high school in the 25 years since it opened never left Oshawa — this, I admit, intrigues me.

I think I'm going to the reunion because of the intense pleasure I derive from voluntarily putting myself into unpleasant situations.

The hardest part will be walking into the building alone — and it will be alone even if I go with my sister or friends. We all have our own memories and meet the past by ourselves. My husband can't join me until after Shabbat. I speculate on reactions I'll get when people hear I married a rabbi — the only thing that would shock them more would be if I'd become one myself.

Part of me says I'll have to explain what "rabbi" means. I know that's silly, but Oshawa has never had a lot of Jews or much consciousness of them. Years after leaving high school, for example, I discovered one of my oldest friends had no real conception of "kosher" (although she had spent months one summer learning how to pronounce "l'chaim" like a native).

The tacit rule of thumb for reunions, I understand, is that only the successes attend. In the months since I first heard about the gathering (from an already widowed friend I bumped into at a video store near my parents'), this has been, typically, what I've wondered about most.

I can say without feeling too uncomfortable that I was as special a person to my teachers as they were to me — very special indeed. A notable exception was the principal. He, I learned later, had been scared of me, feeling I was that most dreaded thing, an articulate radical (radical for Oshawa, that is, which is something like being radical for Richmond Hill).

I wish I'd known at the time, because he scared me, too. I also wish I'd known someone thought of me as radical — back then, that carried a certain cachet.

All in all, the me I was in high school was a tough act to follow, though my teachers and I had drawn up a pretty obvious map to guide her (something like PhD within three years, Nobel Prize for literature by the following week). Unlike CAA maps, it didn't have any detours marked.

That previous me had to learn a lot about detours, both the kind that tangle traffic for weeks and years and the kind that take you to delightful unexpected places. Understanding that has been, in fact, the measure of her success.

Opinion

Saw hundreds of jobs for unemployed garment workers

U.S. immigrant Jews once cheered for free trade

By
J. B. SALSBERG

My very dear and highly esteemed readers — the "Days of Awe," Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, have come and gone and, if only half the New Year wishes we extended to each other will materialize, we and our worldwide Jewish community will surely be among the most blessed people on earth. Halavay!

J. B. Salsberg

But, the burden of tradition is such that none of us who speak, preach or write to and for our people, during that time of year, can escape the serious, awe-inspired manner of writing and speaking. No one dares to smile, as if it were sacrilegious to do so. (Although our respected Orthodox columnist, Rabbi Moses J. Burak, did draw attention, in his Rosh Hashanah column, to the time when the young maidens of ancient Israel dressed themselves in white garments on the "happiest day of the year," on Yom Kippur, and walked the streets of Jerusalem urging the young fellows not to waste their time but go out and select one of them as a wife. But that was a long time ago. . . .)

Anyway, all I wanted to do was to acknowledge the fact that this column, even this column, was heavy-laden with awesome issues and concerns that may have worried you to distraction if not to repentance. It is, therefore, high time to return to the lighter style that has made this space renowned, if not revered, in all Jewish encampments. So, let's be ourselves again.

In this column I will try to deal with the red-hot political issue of free trade that has kept our country in turmoil for the greater part of 1987.

Now, as all readers know, I rarely devote time or space to national, provincial or local Canadian politics. The evasion is not, as some suspicious readers may have believed, due to any restriction placed upon me by our editor. On the contrary; no restrictions have ever been placed upon me.

But since this is a weekly paper and since I desire to deal with Jewish issues primarily, there is just no opportunity to deal with general politics except at the expense of matters that concern us as Jews — and this I wouldn't do.

So, if I turn to the Free Trade issue now, especially since the issue will have been resolved one way or another by the time this edition will appear, I do so only because it has a Jewish angle.

Most of our readers (except the professional historians among us) may not know that this divisive political issue of free trade with the U.S. has been dealt with before: in 1911. It was roundly defeated by the Canadian people at that time.

It was advocated by Sir Wilfred Laurier's Liberal government, but it was not called "free trade" but "reciprocity."

While at present it is the Conservative government of Brian Mulroney that champions free trade and the Liberals oppose it, it was the Conservative Party, led by Sir Robert Borden, that fought the scheme and defeated it and the Laurier government in 1911. (The two old parties show little consistency, no?)

Well, in 1911 the Americans wanted a reciprocity agreement and, as I found out some years ago, the mass of Jewish immigrant workers of New York were the most fervent supporters of "reciprocity." Why? There was a high level of unemployment and the then Yiddish press in New York saw in reciprocity the promise of jobs and prosperity for the garment industries. The unemployed immigrants swallowed that propaganda hook-line-and sinker, as they say.

I learned this world-shaking information from a memoir written by the late Maurice Schwartz, one of the giants of the Yiddish theatre, which he wrote for one of the New York Jewish dailies many years after the event.

As Schwartz explained it, it was a tradition in the Yiddish theatre for one of the players to appear before the stage curtain between the 3rd and 4th act of the play to announce the forthcoming productions and to make a few general comments on "issues of the day." (It was the same in the Yiddish theatres of Toronto, Montreal and Winnipeg.)

Well, as Schwartz told it, the manager of the theatre asked him, at the last minute, to go out and make the usual announcements. He made the announcements and, for lack of another subject, made the comment that "as everyone knows, reciprocity with Canada is very important since it will bring hundreds of jobs to the umemployed garment workers of America." And, he added, "May the good Lord help us to achieve reciprocity." The audience went wild with its applause.

Well, my friends, the Canadians defeated the reciprocity proposal in 1911. But, the New York Jewish tailors managed quite well without it. And so did the Canadian Jewish garment workers. Which only goes to show. . . .

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letters are welcome if they are in English or French, no more than 250 words, typewritten with lines double spaced, and of interest to our reading public. Readers are cautioned not to make sweeping claims against persons or institutions which they cannot verify, as libel laws are very stringent. We reserve the right to edit letters, which must bear the sender's address, phone number and handwritten signature.

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FIGHTING SMOKERS WITH FIRE

Re the Sept. 10 letter "Slam tobacco ad ban."

The authors suggested that many ordinary Canadians may be victimized by the passing of Bill C-51 banning all tobacco advertising.

They continue: ". . . the bill will wreak financial havoc on tobacco farmers, our (tobacco company) employees, and small business."

Unfortunately, the tobacco companies do not realize that smoking is the largest preventable cause of death in Canada.

The financial benefits of a non-smoking population far outweigh the social and medical costs of a smoking population.

Tobacco farmers can produce alternative crops; tobacco employees are being reduced anyhow through mechanization; and small business could see a lowering of health care taxes!

Sidney Joseph
Toronto

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SMOKED OUT OF A JOB

I strongly object to the coverage your newspaper gives to the claims of the tobacco industry that Bill C-51 which "will ban all tobacco advertising, promotion and brand sponsorship by Jan. 1, 1987" will cause a loss of jobs.

In the next 10 years or so, there will be an explosion of jobs (in health care fields and hospitals) directly attributable to the use of tobacco products.

While the media hype has caused hysteria about the more glamorous deaths in Canada caused by AIDS (under 1,000 deaths last year), not enough is revealed about the slower-developing but not quite as glamorous premature deaths caused by the exposure to tobacco smoke and tobacco products containing cancer-causing chemicals and sickening gases (over 32,000 deaths in Canada last year, *and growing*).

I have suffered eye infections, nausea, and have been smoked out of a good job here in Ottawa.

Rebecca Liff
Ottawa

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PROF. PROTESTS ULTRA MUCH

Re the Sept. 3 letter from Prof. Abraham Boyarsky headed "Ultra angry at ultra adjective":

It seems obvious that Prof. Boyarsky is Orthodox, probably even "ultra"-Orthodox, yet I cannot fathom his criticism of your paper for using the term "ultra" where you feel it is warranted.

For the professor's edification, I will try to explain some of the distinctions between Orthodoxy and "ultra"-Orthodoxy.

He is surely aware that, whereas to Orthodox Jews the kashrut symbol of the Canadian Jewish Congress is sufficient, to the "ultras" this is not acceptable and they buy glatt kosher meat.

In Israel, the Orthodoxy, by and large, tolerate those who drive on Shabbat and advertisements showing females modelling bathing suits. The "ultras" stone cars driving on Shabbat and burn bus shelters displaying bathing suit ads.

"Ultras" believe that the Holocaust was ordained by God to punish the Jewish people for their sins. Orthodox Jews believe that 6 million Jews perished as part of the Nazis' diabolical plan to destroy Jewry.

To Orthodoxy, payot, sheitlech and mikvah are optional. To the "ultras" they are obligatory.

Methinks the professor protests too much!

Sam Hoffman
Toronto

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HE DEFENDS THE POPE

In your Sept. 3 issue, there was an anti-Pope letter which protested his meeting with Austrian President Kurt Waldheim.

Here, in the interest of fairness, is the other side of the issue.

(1) The Pope, being an important religious leader, has a duty to hear both sides of any issue. The Pope wanted to hear Waldheim's own story concerning World War II.

(2) The Pope visited Austria in 1985. Therefore, a return visit by the president of Austria (whoever that may be) is only proper protocol.

I hope, after reading the above points, people will be able to understand why the Pope met Waldheim.

Mitchell Klinger
Toronto

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SEEK LATVIA WAR CRIMINALS

The U.S. justice department has asked for the assistance of the World Jewish Congress in locating survivors and witnesses to the activities of the Nazi forces and their collaborators during World War II in Latvia.

The department's Office of Special Investigations (OSI) is responsible for proceeding against Nazi war criminals presently residing illegally in the United States.

In this regard, OSI is seeking to locate survivors who have knowldege of the events which took place in Salaspils and Sauriesi, Latvia during World War II.

OSI is especially interested in the fate of the Jews and other civilians in those areas, as well as the activities of any Latvian paramilitary units or auxiliary police in those areas.

Individuals with relevant information may communicate in any language they choose to the address below.

Ms. Bessy Pupko
World Jewish Congress
One Park Ave.
New York, NY 10016

LAUDS BRONFMAN'S GREECE PROTEST

I was pleased to read your Sept. 10 report about World Jewish Congress President Edgar Bronfman.

It said he had decided not to attend a European Jewish Congress meeting in Athens as a protest because Greece had not yet established full diplomatic relations with Israel.

I wish to add that Greece has proved to be persistently hostile to Israel and pro-PLO.

I also commend Mr. Bronfman for his dignified stand.

I hope that his worthy act will serve as an example for other Jews.

We should keep in mind that there are other countries in the same category deserving our indignation.

Isaac Josy
Toronto

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Reader regrets that liberated Soviet dissident Natan Scharansky (right) shown being embraced by his cousin Herb Landis of Toronto, did not draw bigger crowds at recent Toronto rally.

SCHARANSKY MERITED BIGGER CROWD

What a shame, Toronto!

Massey Hall seats approximately 3,000 people. Yet the third level of the auditorium was not filled up.

Where were you when one of the heroes of our time, Nathan Scharansky, honored us with his presence at the recent Coalition for Soviet Jewry's solidarity rally?

I overheard, while waiting in line to get in, that there were many ball games on that evening.

I consider myself privileged to have been in the audience where this man, small in stature, stood tall, after a full day of meetings with various government officials, and delivered his eloquent message.

Ruth Malitzky
Toronto

GROSSMAN NOT CONSERVATIVE

The Ontario PCs should learn an important lesson from the recent Liberal landslide.

Last January we wrote to more than 15,000 voters in Ontario and predicted the lesson they would be taught:

"Why vote for a Red Tory," we asked rhetorically, "when you can get the real thing with the Liberal-Socialist alliance?"

Tory leader Larry Grossman virtually guaranteed the collapse of his party when he opted to mimic many of the Liberal and NDP's interventionist policies. This is his record:

- Grossman strongly supported the state concept of so-called "pay equity." He opposed the draconian Liberal "pay equity" legislation only because he said it did not go far enough.
- He opposed plans by the Liberals to privatize some government-run companies.
- He resisted efforts by the government to relax rent controls.

Indeed, Grossman became so firmly identified with such interventionist policies that his last ditch, half-hearted conversion to Conservative ideas during the election campaign fooled no one.

The deparature of Mr. Grossman, however, provides the Ontario Progressive Conservative Party with a golden opportunity to transform the party into a clear alternative.

They can once again become a party which truly stands for Conservative principles, like individual freedom and responsibility under smaller government.

David Somerville
President
National Citizens' Coalition
Toronto

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HE DEFENDS ANIMAL RIGHTS

Like Rudy Brunell, in his letter of Aug. 20, I too was glad to see Peter Singer's letter, "Update over kosher laws."

Cheers to Brunell for exposing the inhumanity of turning normal baby cows into anemic veal cutlets.

I believe, on the whole, we are too insensitive to the feelings and rights of other species.

If we are to enter into the messianic age, when the lion shall lie down with the lamb, we had better understand that to take the life of an animal unnecessarily is cruel and unjust.

In the words of the great Isaac Bashevis Singer: "We should not take the attitude that we are doing the animals a favor by not eating them. They have a right to live just as much as we have a right to live."

And we can live a healthy and happy life without eating members of the Animal Kingdom. We were told that we will be a holy people and be a light to the nations. When we love our neighbors — the animals — as we do ourselves, then we can begin to think of ourselves as holy. Until then, we have blood on our hands and body parts on our plates and in our bellies.

M. Thomas Salsberg
Toronto

World-National

Peres tells UN General Assembly:

"Moderate forces" never closer to understanding

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commands sufficient clout on Capitol Hill to advance its interests.

The Turks believe that Israel, in combination with the American Jewish community, can persuade the Reagan administration to be more generous in satisfying their requests for still greater military and economic aid. At present, Turkey, a member of the NATO alliance, receives about $600 million worth of annual U.S. assistance.

Peres, in advocating an international peace conference, told the UN General Assembly that never before were the "moderate forces" of the Middle East closer to an understanding than today.

Reporting on the agreement Israel and Jordan reached five months ago to start Middle East talks, Peres listed eight points:

- The goal of peace through direct negotiations.
- An international peace conference is the way to direct talks.
- The conference will not impose any settlement.
- It will be sponsored, arranged and legitimized by the permanent members of the Security Council — the U.S., Soviet Union, China, France and Britain.
- All parties must accept UN Security Council resolutions 242 and 338 and renounce terrorism.
- Talks to solve the Palestinian question are to be negotiated by an Israeli delegation and a Jordanian-Palestinian delegation.
- Israel is to negotiate bilateral issues with Jordan (and the Palestinians), Syria, and Lebanon. An Egyptian delegation will take part in multilateral discussions.
- Bilateral committees will try to solve past conflicts, while multilateral committees will deal with future settlements.

Peres, in his speech, said that Israel had no wish to "dominate" the Palestinians, nor to deny them "justice and security." He urged them "to turn from violence to dialogue."

In an appeal to the Soviet Union and China, he declared: "To both Moscow and Beijing, we say candidly: diplomatic relations are not the price for peace but a channel for communications."

In the wake of his UN appearance, the Israeli daily Maariv reported that Peres, in his recent talks with the Soviet foreign minister, rejected an offer for the two countries to open "interests offices" in Tel Aviv and Moscow as a temporary substitute for the reestablishment of full relations.

Peres reportedly told Shevardnadze that Israel-Soviet relations must be on a higher plane than relations with Poland and Hungary, both of which have established or plan to establish "interest sections" in Israel.

Peres, in discussing Secretary of State George Shultz's forthcoming visit to the Middle East, said he welcomed it as "an opportunity to negotiate the remaining obstacles" lying in the way of an international conference.

Shultz, for his part, said he hopes to find "the key" to progress in the Mideast peace process.

Shultz, who was last in the region about a year ago, also plans to go to Jordan and Egypt.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, an adamant opponent of an international conference, said he would be "very happy" to welcome Shultz to Israel. But he made it clear that he will not alter his views.

Shamir rebuked Peres for having called on the Conference of Presidents of Major Jewish Organizations to support a conference.

"I hope U.S. Jews do not listen to him," he said, thereby magnifying his running battle with Peres and underlying the serious policy split within the Israeli government.

Caplan receives standing ovation

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National Action Committee on the Status of Women.

Prior to her election to the legislature, she was an associate professor of English at the University of Toronto and a research partner of Gordon Capital Corporation.

The biggest surprise of the entire swearing-in ceremony had to be Elinor Caplan's reception as she prepared to take the oath of office to become Ontario's new health minister.

The former chairman of cabinet and mangement board and minister of government services received a standing ovation from her fellow cabinet ministers and members of the public in attendance as she prepared to take her oath.

At a public reception following, Caplan said she was "overwhelmed and very touched" by the tribute.

Caplan was forced to resign from cabinet in June 1986 following charges that her husband appeared to have indirectly profited from a government contract. She was eventually cleared of the charges.

She said she was delighted to have been given the opportunity to serve as health minister and looked forward to working with health professionals in the future.

"I think it will be a very challenging job and I'm going to call on a lot of people for a lot of help and advice," she said.

Looking ahead, Caplan said there are many priorities in her new portfolio including bringing in a new system of community-based services, illness prevention, health promotion and protection.

Caplan has been a member of Canadian Hadassah-WIZO and the National Council of Jewish Women.

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The new Ontario cabinet consists of:

- **David Peterson:** Premier and minister of intergovernmental affairs.
- **Robert Nixon:** Deputy Premier, minister of economics and minister of financial institutions.
- **Sean Conway:** Minister of mines and government house leader.
- **Jim Bradley:** Minister of the environment.
- **Ian Scott:** Attorney-General and minister responsible for native affairs.
- **Jack Riddell:** Minister of agriculture and food.
- **John Eakins:** Minister of municipal affairs.
- **Vincent Kerrio:** Minister of natural resources.
- **Hugh O'Neil:** Minister of tourism and recreation.
- **John Sweeney:** Minister of community and social services.
- **Murray Elston:** Chairman of the management board of cabinet and chairman of cabinet.
- **William Wrye:** Minister of consumer and commercial relations.
- **Bernard Grandmaitre:** Minister of revenue and minister responsible for francophone affairs.
- **Alvin Curling:** Minister of Skills Development.
- **Ed Fulton:** Minister of transportation.
- **Monte Kwinter:** Minister of industry, trade and technology.
- **Lily Munro:** Minister of culture and communications.
- **Gregory Sorbara:** Minister of labor and minister responsible for women's issues.
- **Elinor Caplan:** Minister of health.
- **Rene Fontaine:** Minister of northern development.
- **David Ramsay:** Minister of correctional services.
- **Joan Smith:** Solicitor-General.
- **Chris Ward:** Minister of education.
- **Chaviva Hosek:** Minister of housing.
- **Lyn McLeod:** Minister of colleges and universities.
- **Richard Patten:** Minister of government services.
- **Gerry Phillips:** Minister of citizenship and minister responsible for race relations and the Ontario Human Rights Commission.
- **Robert Wong:** Minister of energy.
- **Remo Mancini:** Minister without portfolio responsible for disabled persons.
- **Mavis Wilson:** Minister without portfolio responsible for senior citizen affairs.

The Name Game

There is a story in almost every Jewish surname and Toronto lawyer FRED M. CATZMAN has been researching their origins over the past few years. Mr. Catzman reports on his research in The CJN. If you have any information relating to the origin and meaning of your surname, please pass it along to Fred M. Catzman, c/o The Canadian Jewish News, 10 Gateway Blvd., Suite 420, Don Mills, Ont. M3C 3A1.

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DAHAN

David M. Diamond, of Montreal, observes correctly that I have been preoccupied mainly with Ashkenazic names. I confess my unfamiliarity with Sephardic names.

The reader will therefore appreciate that I welcome Mr. Diamond's letter which tells rather than asks about his wife's family name — DAHAN. His wife's family hails from Morocco, but believes that their roots go back to Holland and that the name comes from the familiar Dutch surname De Haan.

In his book Finding Our Fathers, Dan Rottenberg ascribes the name to families originating in the Sahara regions of Morocco. There are several variations of the name — ADHAN, BENDAHAN and BENDAHON.

WZO candidate sounds warning

JERUSALEM (JPFS) — Jewish Agency Treasurer Akiva Lewinsky says that Zionist politicians will have to make way for new types of Israeli representatives on the governing bodies of the agency, or else the Diaspora fund raisers will take their money elsewhere.

Lewinsky, who is Labor's candidate for the post of chairman of the agency and World Zionist Organization, sounded this warning at a meeting of the Zionist Council of Israel. The current chairman, Leon Dulzin, is retiring.

Speaking in the meeting room of the agency executive, and flanked by pictures of Herzl and Weizmann, Lewinsky said that the Zionist movement had no choice but to adjust to the organizational and financial practices demanded by American Jewry.

The agency is jointly controlled by the WZO and the leading Diaspora fund raising bodies.

"The time is past when Jews abroad gave money to Israel out of guilt," Lewinsky stressed.

Lewinsky expressed concern that if the Jewish Agency and WZO failed to change with the times, this would encourage the American Jewish fund raisers "to vote with their feet."

He said that the fund raisers would then set up an American-controlled body to dispense the funds raised for Israel, "and the Zionists will line up for handouts just like everyone else."

He warned that if this happened, the WZO, which is indirectly funded through the Jewish Agency, would shrink to a small and insignificant body.

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"We want to put smugglers out of business"

Refugee policy won't affect the deserving: PM

By
BELINDA SILBERMAN

TORONTO —
The Conservative government hopes to open Canada's doors to more deserving applicants, while closing legislative loopholes to those cheating the system, says Prime Minister Brian Mulroney.

Changes to immigration legislation proposed in Bills C-55 and C-84 are an attempt to end recent abuses of Canada's refugee determination process, while keeping the country a haven for refugees, Mulroney told a luncheon meeting of the Canadian Multilingual Press Federation and Multilingual Press Association of Ontario.

"We want to put smugglers out of business — those who exploit the misery of the dispossessed," said the 48-year-old leader of the Progressive Conservative Party.

"And we do not want our country to become a sanctuary for unlawful elements."

But, at the same time, the government plans to keep Canada's doors open to deserving applicants, Mulroney told the more than 600 people at the Sheraton Centre's grand ballroom last week.

"When we came into office, immigration was at its lowest point in three decades," he said. "We have raised it steadily — from 84,000 two years ago to a target of 125,000 for 1987.

"Next year we are going to accept an even higher number of immigrants and the new policy will greatly facilitate family reunification."

Mulroney — who spent part of his address defending the Meech Lake Accord — said his government is committed to multiculturalism.

And as part of that commitment, Secretary of State David Crombie will soon be introducing a multiculturalism act, which will further safeguard and enhance the role of ethnocultural communities in Canada, Mulroney said.

"That act will contribute to the vision of our nation and help direct our future development as a unique and dynamic country drawing upon the experiences and skills of persons from every corner of the world."

Mulroney said his government has also been opening the process of government agency, board and commission appointments to ethnic candidates, attempting to give all citizens an equal opportunity to contribute to Canada's public policy process.

"This is not rhetoric with us," he insisted. "Nor am I talking about tokenism.

"When I look around our cabinet table, the deputy prime minister is called (Donald) Mazankowski. The minister of justice and attorney general for Canada is called (Ray) Hnatyshyn. The deputy minister of justice is called (Frank) Iacobucci. The minister of science and technology is called (Frank) Oberle. The minister of sport is called (Otto) Jelinek. The minister of state for immigration is called (Gerry) Weiner."

Appointments of people like Lincoln Alexander, the first Black Lieutenant-Governor of a province, and Gerald Laforest, the first Acadian on the Supreme Court of Canada, have also helped the Conservative government ensure the representation of ethnocultural and linguistic minorities in the highest positions of the land, he said.

In less than three years, the Conservative government has also doubled the number of ethnocultural representatives appointed to federal boards, agencies and commissions, he added.

"We can do more in this area, and we must do more if we are to avail ourselves fully of the tremendous reservoir of talented Canadians who are anxious to serve Canada — particularly from the multicultural communities."

The federal government is also demonstrating its leadership to other levels of government and the private sector through its employment equity programs for minorities, he said.

"Specifically, concerning visible minorities, we have established clear numerical targets for minority hiring by federal departments — and we will meet them."

Mulroney — who was later presented with a plaque for his committed leadership in encouraging pride among all Canadians — told the luncheon crowd

Brian Mulroney

that multiculturalism "lies at the very heart of the idea of Canada — of our sense of country.

"The magnificence of our citizenship has been powerfully enriched by the multicultural reality," he said. "This reality is part of our life — of who we are, and of what we can become.

"It is the obligation and the responsibility of the government of Canada to nurture and strengthen that multicultural dimension of our national life. This is exactly what we have done and this is exactly what we're going to do."

Before leaving the $25-a-plate luncheon, Mulroney strolled through the crowds, shaking hands with dozens of people, signing autographs and posing for pictures. His wife, Mila — who also attended the event and was presented with roses and a special gift — joined her husband in meeting luncheon guests.

Crombie, along with a number of other politicians, was also present at the luncheon.

U.S. Jews celebrate Israel's 40th birthday

NEW YORK —
The State of Israel will be 40 years old next year and to mark the event, the American Jewish community is planning 18 months of events and performances.

The U.S. National Committee for Israel's 40th Anniversary recently released a 25-page publication, titled A Guide to Events and Resources.

It provides detailed information about projects, materials, exhibitions, speeches, performances and model programs that will take place across North America in celebration of Israel's independence.

It will be distributed to hundreds of organizations, institutions and agencies, according to Howard Squadron, chairman of the national committee.

Vice-chairs of the committee are the heads of six Jewish groups in the U.S. including William Belzberg, Israel Bonds; Shoshana Cardin, Council of Jewish Federations; Ben Cohen, American Zionist Federation; Martin Stein, United Jewish Appeal; Michael Pelavin, National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council and Rabbi Gilbert Klaperman, Synagogue Council of America.

While the majority of planned events will take place in the U.S., a few will travel north to Canada in 1988 and 1989.

As part of the Israel-North America cultural exchange — supported by the CRB Foundation of Montreal — a few groups will stop over in Montreal in late October-early November next year.

These include the Haifa Municipal Theatre which will present Yehoshua Sobel's play, Soul of a Jew, as well as a collage from their repertory, Yoram Boker Mime Troupe and the Israel-American Theatre Collaboration.

Plans are also under way to bring the Israel Ballet to Vancouver in spring 1988.

In conjuction with the celebrations, North American Jewish Students Network will hold a convention in Israel on Dec. 24, 1987 and a leadership mission to Israel in January 1988. The World Emunah Gathering will be held in Israel next summer.

Toronto's Vaad protests

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mayim Congregation, and president of Rabbinical Council of Ontario;

- Rabbi David Kaplan, Beth Zion Congregation, Oshawa;
- Rabbi Yitzchok Kerzner, Machzikei Hadas Congregation;
- Rabbi Moshe Lowy, Agudath Israel Congregation, and Vaad president;
- Rabbi Raphael Marcus, B'nai Torah Congregation;
- Rabbi Mordechai Ochs, Torath Emeth Congregation;
- Rabbi E. Rokach, Willowdale Orthodox Jewish Congregation;
- Rabbi Howard Sacknowitz, Shaarei Shomayim Congregation;
- Rabbi David Schochet, Lubavitch Organization;
- Rabbi Immanuel Schochet, Keltzer Congregation;
- Rabbi Moshe Stern, Shaarei Tefillah Congregation;
- Rabbi Boruch Taub, Beth Avraham Yoseph Congregation;
- Rabbi Yoseph Zaltman, Russian Synagogue.

CJC declines to comment

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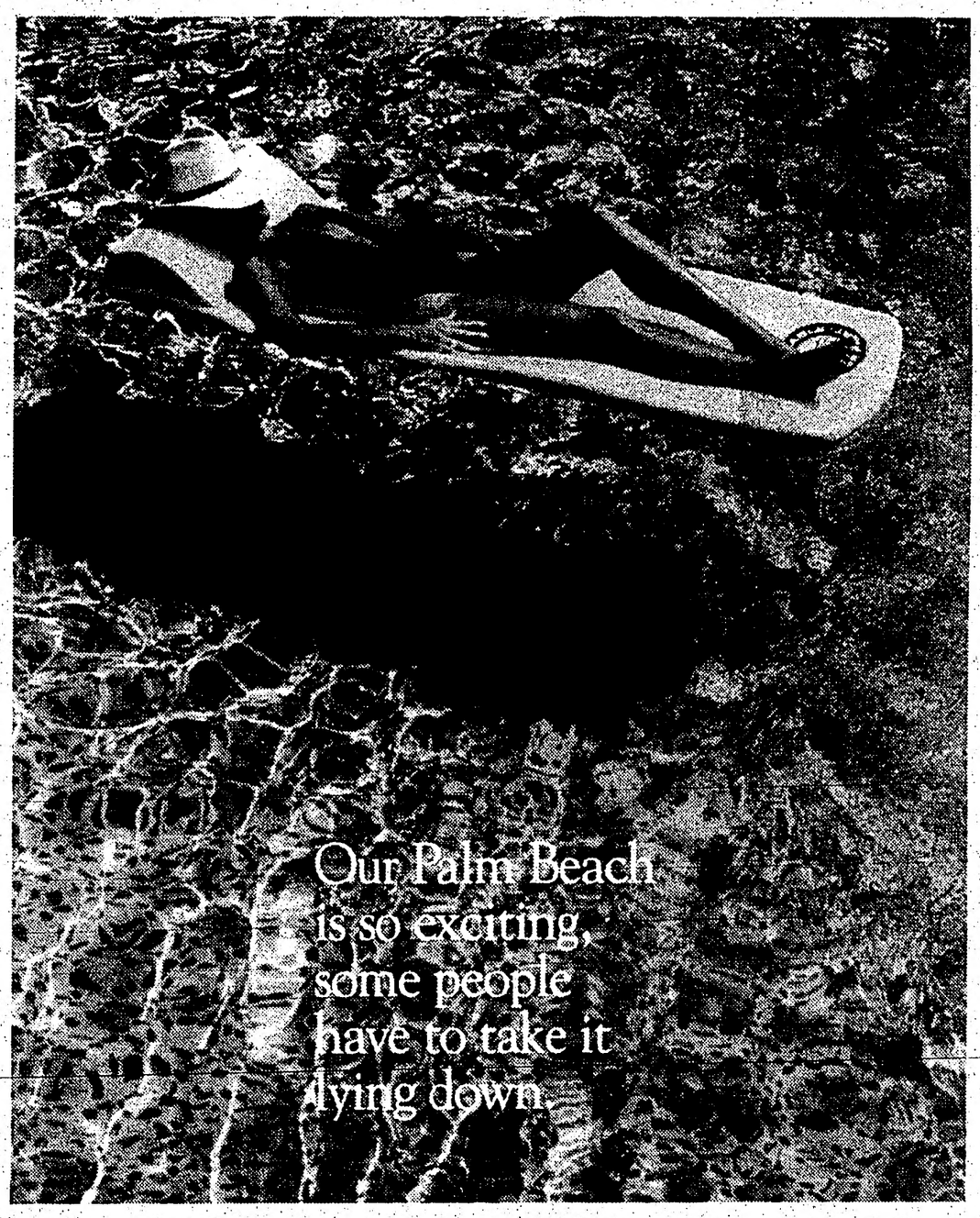
world," Reitman stated.

The Congress Sept. 13 national executive decision passed by a margin of 53-2, the statement noted. It said that the CJC national executive passed the motion put forward by Donald Carr "after an extended discussion and expression of concern for Jewish unity and Israel-Diaspora solidarity. . . .

"CJC joined the coalition led by the Council of Jewish Federations of the U.S. and Canada to press for maintenance of the status quo of the Law of Return of Israel."

Recent proposals to change that law, "which is one of Israel's basic laws, have caused great concern throughout the Diaspora," Congress said.

United Israel Appeal of Canada president Martin Levine declined to comment on the telegram, but said "we are treating the matter seriously." He said an officers meeting has been slated for Oct. 12 to address the issue.



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World-National

Outlines Liberal's economic strategy

Turner blasts Mulroney over free trade issue

By
BELINDA SILBERMAN

TORONTO —

Canada has been in a weak bargaining position in free trade talks because the United States isn't really interested in a deal, says Liberal Party leader John Turner.

"The United States doesn't want free trade — they want fair trade," the 58-year-old politician told a recent luncheon meeting of the Canada-Israel Chamber of Commerce and Industry. (He spoke prior to the deal signed over the weekend.)

"And of course, by fair trade they mean fair trade according to their rules. Their favorite phrase is 'level playing field'. Yeah — their rules, their referee, their linesmen, their goal post, their ball, their sweaters."

Throughout the free trade talks, the U.S. has repeatedly taken advantage of Canada's naivety, lack of preparedness and eagerness for a deal, Turner told about 280 people packing the main ballroom of L'Hotel.

"The Americans have taken us apart on item after item during the course of these negotiations," he said.

And in its "obsessive focus" on the U.S. market during the last three years, Canada has lost trading opportunities in the Middle East, Pacific Rim, Japan and Europe, he said.

Canadian exports to the Middle East declined by 37% from 1984 to 1986, and Israel is now Canada's second largest trading partner in the region, said Turner who believes Canada should be pursuing more trade opportunities with Israel.

Turner said his party — which favors increased trade with the U.S. only as part of an overall Canadian global trade strategy — has opposed the Mulroney government's free trade talks from the outset.

The initiative has threatened Canadian sovereignty, putting Canada's social, economic and political freedoms at risk, he said.

"It may be difficult for some people in this room to understand how concerned a large and growing number of Canadians have been that our sovereignty has been put at risk in the free trade talks with the United States.

"After all, in our country there are no tanks at the border. We don't have to call out the troops to defend ourselves from armed attack.

"But unlike Israel, the attack of our sovereignty is not a physical one from without, not one of external physical force, but recently from within our borders from the way our own government, in my view, has been handling these negotiations."

The Mulroney government has also made the "colossal mistake" of basing its entire economic policy on the success of trade negotiations with the U.S., Turner said.

"Mr. Mulroney has said repeatedly not only that his own neck is on the line, but that our salvation as a nation depends on a free trade deal."

Turner said the Mulroney government has already given away too much in the trade talks, placing too many of Canada's industries on the negotiating table.

"We are the oldest of friends. We are the closest of neighbors and we have had — as we've had to remind President (Ronald) Reagan and before him, President (Richard) Nixon — the largest trading relationship in the world."

But: "Speaking to you frankly, as much as we like and admire our American friends, we don't want to be the 51st state in an American union."

Turner outlined his Liberal Party's plan which he said calls for a global commercial strategy based on the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, an international forum for trade discussions of which Canada was a founding member.

"GATT is evolving into a global authoritative trade court which, still not perfect, offers Canada greater leverage in its dealings with larger countries like the United States or the European community or Japan, than does any bilateral (trade initiative)," Turner said.

Of the last seven cases it has taken to GATT, Canada has won four and settled two in its favor before a final decision.

"We could have taken the lumber dispute to GATT and we should have. We would have had a far better chance of winning," he said referring to the case in which the U.S. raised tariffs on Canadian softwood exports.

Under the Liberal plan, Turner said Canada would once again become a leader in improving the GATT process.

It would seek a more precise definition for subsidies, take the lead in making services and investment part of GATT rules and promote the strengthening of the multilateral dispute resolution mechanism.

John Turner

The Liberal strategy would also reduce and eventually eliminate interprovincial barriers to free trade within Canada, as well as restore and increase funding to the Program for Export Market Development, Turner said.

He said his party would also introduce a comprehensive trade bill making clear to the business community Canada's trade objectives, financing, remedies and assistance programs. A Liberal government would also explore the possibility of creating a public service department with a mandate to expand markets abroad to create jobs and opportunities at home.

The Liberals would also establish new credit facilities for exporters, and expand research and development.

The Canadian government currently spends only 1.4% of its Gross National Product on research and development. The Liberals would set a target of 2.5%, raising it to European, Japanese and American standards, Turner said.

Among the many businessmen and dignitaries at the Chamber luncheon were Benjamin Abileah, Israeli consul-general, Monte Kwinter, Ontario's new industry minister, John Godfrey, Financial Post editor, Udi Sheintal, Israel trade commissioner, and Jim Peterson, brother of Ontario Premier David Peterson.

W5 airs show on Ross affair

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

The national news media have taken note of the Malcolm Ross affair.

W5, CTV's weekly newsmagazine show, recently aired a segment that presented a broad overview of the case of the Moncton-area schoolteacher who publishes anti-semitic views.

The show canvassed a number of the key players involved in the simmering 10-year-old case and reviewed the issues involved — from free speech to the criminal offence of promoting hate — giving the uninitiated an introduction to the complex matters involved.

Ross, who has published books and letters claiming there is an international Jewish conspiracy for world domination and that the Holocaust did not occur, refused to be interviewed by W5.

But the program was able to obtain earlier recorded interviews in which Ross talks of a "Jewish problem," lending credence to the criticism levelled against him.

In an attempt to give his views some historical context there was even a cut to Adolf Hitler, who, the show reminded us, had similar views about Jews and whose "final solution" to the "Jewish problem" was the extermination of all Jews.

There is a continuum between how the Nazis saw Jews and how Ross sees them, the show pointed out.

Other pro-Nazis in Canada — Toronto's Ernst Zundel and Alberta's Jim Keegstra — were linked to Ross as well. Keegstra, who testified for Zundel at his 1985 false news trial, says he formed his views partly on the basis of Ross' material.

Whether Ross' opinions entered the classroom was one of the touchy subjects tackled by the program. One former student recalled how he was taught to feel animosity towards Blacks in Rhodesia (Zimbabwe).

The anger of Jewish community representative David Attis and school board member Audrey Lampert — who are concerned about the role model Ross presents to impressionable teens — stood in marked contrast to the indifference and blase attitude of the local school board, which not only whitewashed Ross' class record, but refused to even issue a general condemnation of racism and prejudice.

None of this should come as any surprise to CJN readers, who have been following the case for a number of years.

Shamir to speak

NEW YORK —

Israeli Premier Yitzhak Shamir will be the featured speaker at the 56th General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations, Nov. 18-22 at the Fontainebleu Hotel in Miami Beach.

The assembly, the largest annual gathering of North American Jewish community leaders, is expected to attract more than 3,000 delegates who will participate in more than 300 meetings, including plenaries, business sessions, fora, symposia, workshops and seminars.

City of Toronto

Refuse Collection Schedule

Thanksgiving Day Mon., Oct. 12, 1987

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22

10:30 a.m. **RABBI CHAIM NUSSBAUM**, author of *Chaplain on the River Kwai: Journal of a Prisoner-of-War,* will speak on ***Suffering and Survival***. Sponsored by Eitz Chaim Parents' Association, B'nai Torah Congregation and North American Jewish Students' Network - Canada. **Free.**

1:30 p.m. **DR. EUGENE ORENSTEIN**, Associate Professor, Jewish Studies Program, McGill University, will speak in Yiddish on ***Die Yunge in New York: Young American Yiddish Poets at the Turn of the Century***. Sponsored by the Committee for Yiddish, Toronto Jewish Congress and the Kultur Geselshaft. **$4.00**.

4:00 p.m. **CYRIL LEVITT** and **WILLIAM SHAFFIR**, co-authors of *The Riot at Christie Pits,* will speak on ***Anti-Semitism: Then and Now***. Sponsored by Physical Fitness Achievement Group of the North Y Men's Health Club. **Free**.

8:30 p.m. **AMOS OZ**, author of *In the Land of Israel* and *A Perfect Peace*, will speak on ***The Various Confrontations in Israel Today***. Lecture and Reception **$7.50**.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23

10:30 a.m. **LORNE WOLFSON**, author of *The New Family Law* will speak on ***The Impact of the New Family Law on Women***. Sponsored by the Temple Sinai Sisterhood. **Free**.

1:30 p.m. **INGE AUERBACHER**, author of *I Am a Star - Child of the Holocaust* will speak on ***The Holocaust Through the Eyes of a Child***. Musical Introduction by **NAOMI BELL**. Sponsored by The Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living and the Association of Jewish Seniors. **Free**.

8:30 p.m. **GLORIA GOLDREICH**, author of *West to Eden*, will speak on ***The Jewish Experience: Odyssey and Adventure***. Sponsored by Jewish Women's Federation. **$4.00**.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24

10:30 a.m. **RABBI MEIR URI GOTTESMAN**, author of *Chaimkel the Dreamer*, will speak on ***Transmitting Jewish Values Through Children's Literature***. Sponsored by Emunah Women of Toronto. **Free**.

1:30 p.m. **DIAN COHEN**, author of *Money*, will speak on ***Personal Money Management***. Sponsored by National Council of Jewish Women, Toronto Section. **Free**.

8:30 p.m. **MICHAEL MARRUS**, author of *The Holocaust in History*, will speak on ***Unexpected Lessons from the Holocaust***. Sponsored by the Holocaust Remembrance Committee. **$4.00**.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25

10:30 a.m. **ROSIE SCHWARTZ**, co-author of *The Enlightened Eater*, will speak on ***Eat Well, Feel Good: A Guide to Well-Being through Nutrition***. Sponsored by B'nai Brith Women's Council of Toronto and Pride of Israel Sisterhood. **Free**.

1:30 p.m. **DR. SAUL LEVINE**, co-author of *Tell Me It's Only a Phase!* will speak on ***Teenagers! How Do You Handle Them***. Sponsored by Holy Blossom Temple Sisterhood and Family Programming Committee, Holy Blossom Temple. **Free**.

8:30 p.m. **DAVID MATAS** and **SUSAN CHARENDOFF**, co-authors of *Justice Delayed* will speak on ***Nazi War Criminals in Canada***. Sponsored by League for Human Rights of B'nai Brith Canada. . **$4.00**.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26

10:30 a.m. **MICHAEL BROWN**, author of *Jew or Juif? Jews, French-Canadians and Anglo-Canadians 1759-1914* will speak on ***Antisemitism and Philo-semitism: Their Canadian Roots***. Sponsored by Congregation Beth Haminyan. **Free**.

10:30 a.m. **CAROL MATAS**, author of *Lisa*, will speak on ***Youth and Defiance: Resistance Heroes of the Holocaust***. Sponsored by Albert J. Latner Jewish Public Library. **Free**.

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8:30 p.m. **ADELE WISEMAN** will speak on her latest work ***Memoirs of a Book-Molesting Childhood***. Sponsored by the Label Basman Memorial Scholarship Fund. **$4.00**.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27

10:30 a.m. **AMNON AJZENSZTADT** will speak on his latest book ***Endurance: Chronicles of Jewish Resistance***. Sponsored by the Friends of the Simon Wiesenthal Centre for Holocaust Studies, Lodzer Centre Holocaust Congregation, Congregation Share Tzedek and Tzosmerer Society. **Free**.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28

8:30 p.m. **EDWARD L. GREENSPAN**, author of *Greenspan - The Case for the Defence*, will speak on ***The Zundel Case: Role of Defence Counsel in a Trial of Conscience***. Sponsored by Toronto Women's ORT and Secular Jewish Association. **$6.00**.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29

8:30 p.m. ***HANNAH SENESH*** - a play starring famous actress **LORI WILNER**. Sponsored by Hadassah-WIZO Organization of Toronto, Na'amat Pioneer Women of Canada and Business and Professional Women's Network, United Jewish Appeal. **$6.00**.

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For times and dates see calendar of events. Additional programs may be scheduled for school programs.

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Organizations and People

What's New

By
MIRIAM HERMAN

Thursday, Oct. 8

MIXED REACTIONS

A public forum entitled Mixed Reactions—Seniors, Alcohol, and Drugs is being sponsored by the Addiction Research Foundation in cooperation with the Toronto Mayor's Committee on Aging on Thursday, Oct. 8, from 7.15-9.15 p.m. in the City Council Chamber, New City Hall, 100 Queen St. W.

The moderator will be journalist/broadcaster **Sidney Katz**. Panelists will include **Margaret Flower**, Community Older Persons Alcohol Program (COPA); **Susan Hunter-Harvey**, sociologist, Ryerson Polytechnical Institute; **Dr. Sally Saunders**, Addiction Research Foundation; **Dr. Murray Brown**, Pharmaceutical Manufacturers Association of Canada, and **Amy Thompson**, member, Toronto Mayor's Committee on Aging.

Admission is free. For further information, call 595-6102 or 393-7732.

Friday, Oct. 9

MUSICAL AFTERNOON

Concert pianist **Lola Julitta Burns (Kane)** will perform at Cheltenham Nursing Home, 5935 Bathurst St., on Friday, Oct. 9, from 2-3 p.m. The program will include a wide variety of semi-classical, popular and Jewish music. Everyone is welcome.

Sunday, Oct. 11

CABARET AND TALENT NIGHT

The Entertainment and Cultural Connection of Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue is presenting a cabaret and talent night on Sunday, Oct. 11, at 8 p.m. in the synagogue's Sisterhood Hall, 470 Glencairn Ave.

It will star **Gedaliah Zweig** with his guitar and **Ron Wiseman** at the keyboard along with singer **Saul Goldstein**, poet **Salomon Rubenstein**, pianist **Dov Litwin** and singer **Zev Goldstein.**

This is for everyone. All ages are welcome, couples and singles, but for singles who want to meet other singles, the Questing Singles (21-35) have reserved tables.

The charge for the cabaret, culture, conversation, coffee and cake is a smile for members, $3 and a smile for guests. The early bird special 7.45-8.15 p.m. is $1.99 and a smile.

Coordinators of the event are **Sandra and Jerry Genesove**.

Monday, Oct. 12

SUCCOTH CELEBRATION

On Monday, Oct. 12, Ohr Somayach-Jewish Education Program (JEP) is holding something new in Toronto, an Israeli-style Succoth celebration, Simchat Bais Hashoaivah, featuring the Nafsheinu Orchestra.

It all takes place at 8 p.m. at Agudath Israel Synagogue, 129 McGillivray Ave. Admission is free, so bring the kids too.

For information, call 785-5899.

RUMMAGE & BOOK SALE

For bargains galore drop in at the rummage sale, book sale and flea market run by Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Sisterhood on Monday, Oct. 12, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the synagogue, 55 Yeomans Rd., Downsview (six blocks south of Sheppard, two blocks west of Bathurst).

Tuesday, Oct. 13

JSU/HILLEL, U OF T

On Tuesday, Oct. 13, stop in for lunch in the succah at the Jewish Students Union/Hillel House, 604 Spadina Ave., and enjoy the lunch-time special with hot dogs and hamburgers from the Lower East Side Cafe.

This is free for frosh members and a nominal charge for others. For information, call JSU at 923-9861.

NAZI WAR CRIMINALS IN CANADA

Prof. Harold Troper, a history professor at Ontario Institute for Studies in Education (OISE) and author of several books including None Is Too Many, will be the guest speaker at the Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Sisterhood general meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 13. His topic will be Nazi War Criminals in Canada: The Story Behind the Deschenes Commission.

The time is 8 p.m. at the synagogue, 55 Yeomans Rd., Downsview. Refreshments will be served. There is no charge for members, guests will be charged $3.

Wednesday Oct. 14

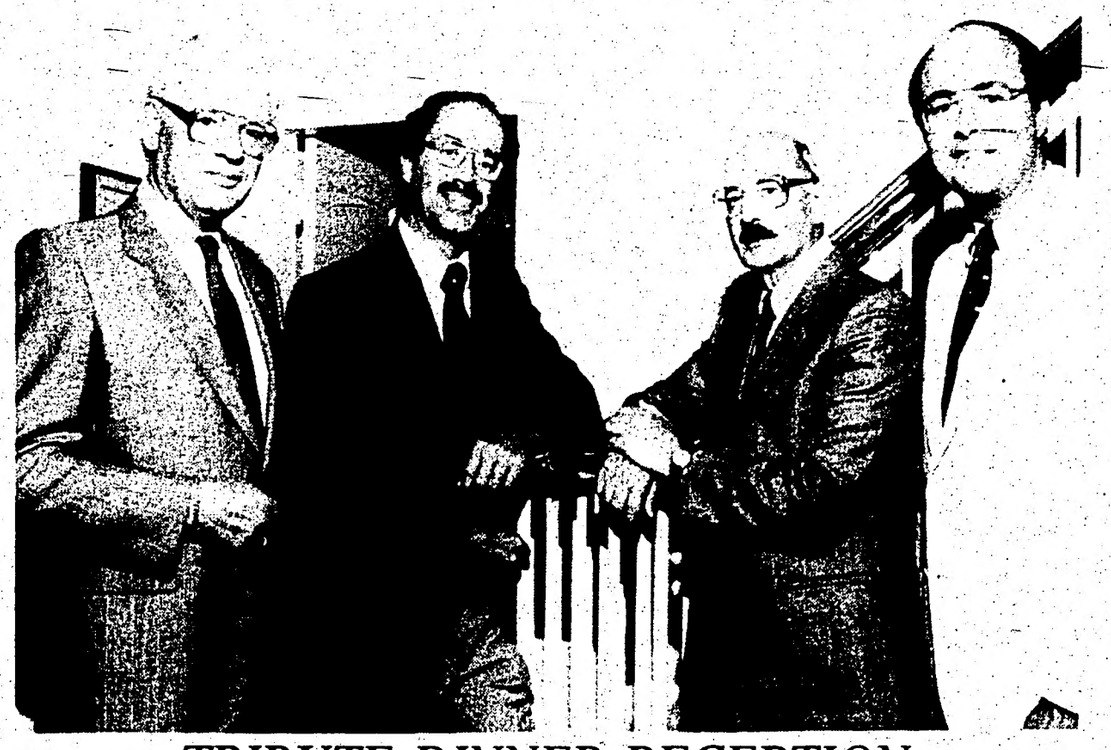
LIBRARY HAPPENINGS

Wednesday, Oct. 14, is a busy day at North York Public Libraries and you have several programs to choose from. Here's a list of a few of them—

Central Library, 5120 Yonge St. — Free Trade and Protection will define free trade and protection and will identify the ways in which Canadian commerce and more specifically, commerce in Ontario, will be affected. The time is 7.30-9 p.m. and admission is free.

Centennial Library, 578 Sheppard Ave. W. — Creative movement classes for parents and tots (from 9.45-10.30 a.m.) and for pre-schoolers (10.30-11.15 a.m.) begin and will run every Wednesday morning through to Dec. 9. Pre-register with North York parks and recreation by phoning 224-6102. The cost is $17 for each program.

York Woods Regional Branch, 1785 Finch Ave. W. — The Reader As A Critic series with **Heather Robertson**, North York Public Library's writer-in-libraries, examines Biography. The time is 7-8.30 p.m.



TRIBUTE DINNER RECEPTION

Dr. Howard Dickson, assistant dean of research, Dalhousie University, Halifax, was guest speaker at a reception held at the home of Wendy and Neil Franklin in conjunction with the tribute dinner honoring Dr. Jayson Greenblatt, president of the Atlantic Chapter, Canadian Society for the Weizmann Institute of Science. From left are Peter Herschorn, dinner chairman; Dr. Dickson, Dr. Greenblattm and Neil Franklin, co-chairman of the dinner.

Thursday, Oct. 15

HAR TIKVAH CONGREGATION

Har Tikvah Congregation of Brampton, which serves Jewish families and singles in Peel Region, is holding a special service on Thursday, Oct. 15.

Beginning at 7.30 p.m. the congregation will celebrate Simchat Torah in the traditional way with singing and dancing. In addition it will also dedicate the new Sefer Torah, making this a double celebration.

If you would like to know more about this event or the congregation, call 792-7589.

And What Else Is New...

FOR CHILDREN OF AGING PARENTS

Growing old gracefully — is it possible? Can children of aging parents find a way to support their parents satisfactorily and at the same time attend to their own needs? Jewish Family & Child Service is presenting a 6-session series for children of aging parents that will deal with such concerns. Topics will include Improving Communication, Health Issues, Community Resources, Home Care Versus Institution, and Balancing Children's Needs and Parents Needs.

The series begins Wednesday, Oct. 21, at 7.30 p.m. at JF & CS, 4600 Bathurst St., 6th floor. For information, call **Diane** at 638-7800.

RESPONDING TO ANTI-SEMITISM

The national cabinet of the League for Human Rights has issued an updated version of its manual dealing with outbreaks of anti-Jewish prejudice and incitement. The newly revised handbook, Responding to Anti-semitism: Guidelines for Community Action, is available through its national office in Toronto.

The handbook provides a procedural framework for responding to acts of vandalism and other expressions of anti-semitism directed against community organizations, schools, religious institutions, cemeteries and individuals.

Copies may be ordered by calling (416) 633-6224.

ENTERTAINMENT 88

To kick off the united awareness-raising campaign for the fund raising drives of over 300 local charities and non-profit organizations, a presentation of the first official issue of Entertainment 88 was made to **Mayor Art Eggleton.**

The campaigns focus around the sale of Entertainment 88, the exclusive leisure guide and discount coupon book that offers up to 50% off on fine dining, fast food meals, movies, theatre attractions, professional baseball, football and travel.

In Toronto, Entertainment 88 is being sold for $35 by B'nai B'rith, Dellcrest Children's Centre and ORT.

THE KOFFLER GALLLERY

The exhibition Robin Hopper: Ceramic Explorations 1957-1987, organized by the Koffler Gallery and the Art Gallery of Greater Victoria in British Colombia, is on view at the Koffler Gallery, 4588 Bathurst St., through to Nov. 25. The exhibit of 85 works honors the 10th anniversary of the Canadian ceramic artist's Bronfman Award.

Three noted artists/instructors have joined the gallery's School of Visual Arts teaching staff — **Ken Bray** (advanced drawing), **Robert Hume** (clay sculpture with model), and **Tony Stapells** (wax sculpture).

Also, because of the great response to the evening stone sculpture course, a new Monday evening class has been initiated.

For more information about these and other courses, call 636-1880, ext. 279.

BETH TZEDEC SISTERHOOD

Beth Tzedec Sisterhood's opening dinner meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 21, will feature an evening of songs and words with songstress/entertainer/raconteur **Elka Beigel.**

The time is 7 p.m. at the synagogue, 1700

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MUSICAL SOIREE

Dental Volunteers for Israel recently held a musical soiree at the home of Jack and Roma Buchman. Among those who applauded the virtuosity of violinist Jeremy Zeitlin (right) were (from left) DVI committee member Carol Rosenthal, honored guests Israel Consul-General Benjamin Abileah and his wife Ruth, and the evening's music director Vera Danchenko (seated).

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Bathurst St., and couvert is $20 sisterhood members, $24 non-members. RSVP by calling the synagogue office at 781-3511.

STORMS OF FATE

In his latest book, Storms of Fate, **Harry Henig** describes the lives of four childhood friends — their loves, fears, despair and success. He takes the reader from the sub-Arctic of Western Canada to the exciting Western European resorts in this fascinating novel set in historical context.

If you order your copy now, all proceeds will go to the Shaare Zedek Hospital Foundation. Books are available through the Foundation at 3089 Bathurst St., Suite 205, Toronto M6A 2A4. The phone number is (416) 781-3584.

SEEKING SOMETHING DIFFERENT?

If you are a working woman in your mid 20s to mid 30s, who enjoys fun times, down-to-earth people and informative programs, the Zahav Branch of National Council of Jewish Women, Toronto Section, is for you.

The next meeting is Wednesday, Oct. 21, when the speaker will be **Rolf Lederer** of the Jewish Genealogical Society. If you are interested, call **Kaila** at 731-5790.

CANADIAN ISRAELI CLUB

Aluma, the Canadian Israeli Club, is holding a Simchat Torah party, complete with dinner and dancing and entertainment by **Alan Berk** on Saturday, Oct. 17, at 8 p.m. at the Wagman Centre Assembly Room, 55 Ameer Ave.

The charge is $12.50 per person. For information, call **Aharon Dahary** at 226-9208.

HONORING SAM ROTMAN

On Sunday, Oct. 18, the Canadian Friends of Bar-Ilan University will honor noted benefactor and philanthropist **Sam Rotman** with a fellowship degree at Bar-Ilan.

Ceremonies will take place at Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue, 100 Elder St., followed by a champagne brunch. Also during the ceremonies, outgoing national president **Leona Finkler** will relinquish her gavel to **Dr. Mort Lechter**, who will be installed as the new national president of the Canadian Friends.

Couvert is $18 per person. Anyone wishing to make reservations, or needing more information, may call the Bar-Ilan office at 665-8015.

CZF INFORMATION BOOKLET

The Canadian Zionist Federation has published an information booklet on financial assistance programs for Canadians wishing to study in Israel.

For information, contact **Monty Robins** at the CZF office at (416) 665-7935.

ART EXHIBIT

Anyone interested in Jewish art should be sure to catch the exhibit of work by Toronto artist **Vivian Felsen** on view at Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue, 100 Elder St., through to Oct. 31. The display of oils and watercolors based on Jewish subjects is in the show case in the synagogue's main lobby.

ADATH ISRAEL STUDY PROGRAM

The fall term of the 1987-88 study program sponsored by Adath Israel Congregation Adult Study Committee commences Monday, Oct. 19, and will run for seven sessions at the synagogue, 37 Southbourne Ave.

Two courses will be given from 8-9 p.m. — The Joy of Singing with **Cantor A. Eliezer Kirshblum** and Jewish Therapy for the Soul with **Rabbi Howard Markose.** Then from 9.15-10.15 p.m. **Simcha Paull,** director, Benjamin Institute for Community Education and Referral, will conduct a course entitled The Psychology of Death and the Afterlife in Judaism.

All sessions are open to the public and are free of charge. Refreshments will be served at 9 p.m. For information, call 635-5340.

AM ECHAD CLASSES

Jewish information classes in basic Jewish knowledge covering Jewish holidays, customs and history with a Bible overview are being held Thursday evenings at 103 Dundurn Cr. in Thornhill. To register for the fall session, call Am Echad at 764-0014.

A daytime Bible study group is forming in Thornhill, sponsored by Am Echad Congregation and led by **Rabbi David Cooper**. Classes will be held at various study members' homes. To join, call Am Echad at the above number.

MEDINA THEATRE ENSEMBLE

At the annual general meeting held at Holy Blossom Temple recently, members of Medina Theatre Ensemble elected the following slate to serve for the 1978-88 year — **Irving Hoffman**, president; **Helen Lyon**, vice-president; **Sylvia Batcher**, recording secretary; **Carol Libman**, corresponding secretary; **Eunice Mouckley**, treasurer and **Roselle Stone,** head of the script-reading committee. The five members at large are **Fran Biderman, Suzan Kronovic, Syd Libman, Dorothy Rosner** and **Corrine Copnick Spiegel**.

Medina Theatre Ensemble is open to both professional and non-professional actors and everyone interested in stagecraft and theatre administration. For more information, call 781-1003 or 667-8347.

JUVENILE DIABETES RAFFLE

This year's Juvenile Diabetes Foundation raffle and gala evening is set for Tuesday, Nov. 24, at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre. The grand prize is a new Rolls-Royce or $125,000 in cash.

Additional prizes include a Jaguar or $40,000 in cash and a Saab or $25,000. There will also be 15 $1,000 cash prizes and 100 "scratch and win" tickets valued at $100.

As an added incentive JDF is holding early bird draws for $15,000 cash on Oct. 20 and Nov. 10. The deadline for ticket sales is 6 p.m. on the Saturday before each draw.

There are only 12,000 tickets available at a cost of $100, with all proceeds going to help JDF find a cure for diabetes. Tickets can be ordered through the JDF office by calling 224-2633.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is currently looking for volunteers from the community to perform a wide range of duties, either at the centre or driving in the community.

If you can give some time and would like to help, call **Joseph Kirschbaum** at 225-2112.

CELEBRATING 75 YEARS!

The St. Christopher House, a United Way agency serving the downtown Toronto area since 1912, will be celebrating its 75th anniversary with a reunion dinner dance on Saturday, Oct. 24, at the Westin Hotel. Come out and join both old and new friends of St. Chris as they celebrate the beginning of another 75 years.

The tickets for this festive evening cost $35 and are available at 761 Queen St. W.

HADASSAH-WIZO

Wanted — women over 25. The reward — helping Israel, meeting new friends and getting involved in Jewish issues. Call **Helen** at 736-6539 or **Miriam** at 633-3286.

HOUSELINK COMMUNITY HOMES

Houselink Community Homes is a non-profit organization that establishes co-op housing for people who have received psychiatric treatment. Houselink co-ops, each housing four or five men and women, are located across Metro Toronto.

Houselink is currently recruiting volunteer house coordinators. These volunteers provide support to the co-op residents who foster self-help and mutual support.

If you are looking for challenging and satisfying volunteer work with the opportunity to work with people and you want to get involved in a strong, non-traditional organization, call **Lindsey Bent** at 968-0242.

PROJECT L'CHAIM

Holy Blossom Temple's Project L'Chaim is offering Hebrew Without Tears, a program designed to get people started reading Hebrew and improve their fluency in Hebrew.

Aleph with **Genya Rhyzik** is a learn to read program while Bet with **Lori Gershon** concentrates on fluency and reading prayers. There is also a beginners Hebrew conversation course, Israel for $6 a Day, with **Ted Labow**.

The fee is $48 for an 8-week session beginning Tuesday, Oct. 13, from 8-9.30 p.m. at the temple, 1950 Bathurst St. For information, call **Razel** at the temple at 789-3291.

BEAUTIFY NORTH YORK AWARDS

The Beautify North York Awards are presented by the mayor and City Council to those individuals who have set an example for property improvement.

If you know of a tenant or owner of an industrial, commercial or institutional property who has beautified his/her property such as improvements to signage, ground maintenance, landscaping and building exterior facades, then enter them now. The deadline is Oct. 15.

To enter provide the following information: category, site address, outstanding features, your name, address and phone number and (if possible) a before and after photograph and send to Beautify North York Awards, City of North York, Department of Property and Economic Development, 5100 Yonge St., 2nd floor, North York, Ont., M2N 5V7.

HEALTH SEMINAR

The 10th annual health seminar, sponsored by The Canadian Natural Hygiene Society - Toronto Chapter, takes place Sunday, Oct. 25, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Toronto Board of Education, 155 College St., 6th floor auditorium (at McCaul).

The featured speaker will be **Dr. Ralph Cinque**, director of Hygeia Health Retreat, Yorktown, Tex., who will lecture on Dangers of Overeating, Role of Fruit in a Natural Foods Diet and Danger of Stimulants in Your Foods.

For information regarding registration, call 781-0359.

BOND DRIVE DINNER

The Zaglembier Society held its annual Bond drive dinner in honor of Lola and Leib Weinryb at the Borochov Centre recently. From left are Joe Kichler, Mrs. Weinryb, Zev Siegel and Peter Ferens.

CAN YOU HELP?

Vaughan Glen Hospital, formerly known as The Villa Private Hospital, is looking for volunteers to help in a number of areas.

Vaughan Glen is a long term facility for the physically disabled adult and young person. Opportunities exist in recreation, therapy and in the hospital. All interested persons should contact the volunteer coordinator at the hospital, 9000 Bathurst St., PO Box 190, Thornhill, Ont., L3T 4A1 or call 889-4931.

RUMMAGE SALE

Parkview House Co-op for seniors is holding its rummage, baking and arts and crafts sale on Sunday, Oct. 11, and Monday, Oct. 12, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day, at 6101 Bathurst St.

for seniors

The Association of Jewish Seniors, in cooperation with North York Board of Education Continuing Education is offering a series on Revolution and Social Change with instructor **Emmanuel Goldberg** on Wednesday mornings from Oct. 7-Dec. 9. The time is 9.45-11.45 a.m. at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, 470 Glencairn Ave. There is no charge for seniors over 65. The charge for other adults is $20. Refreshments will be served ($4). For more information, call **Jennie Gilbert** at the association office at 635-2860.

A public forum entitled Mixed Reactions: Seniors, Alcohol and Drugs is being presented by the Addiction Research Foundation in cooperation with Toronto Mayor's Committee on Aging on Thursday, Oct. 8, at 7.15-9.15 p.m. in the City Council Chamber, New City Hall, 100 Queen St. W. For details, please check item in What's New column under Oct.8.

Coffeehouse 60 meets every Tuesday at 1 p.m. for a conversation group and/or drama club at the Bloor Y, 750 Spadina Ave. (at Bloor). New members are welcome. Call **Sarah Casse** at 924-6211 for information.

At the Wednesday, Oct. 7, meeting of **Holy Blossom Temple Alumni**, **Jerry Berman** coordinator, Coordinated Services to Jewish Elderly, will discuss Help in the Home — Home Support Services. The time is 1.30 p.m. at the temple, 1950 Bathurst St.

The LZA Seniors Club meets daily from noon to 4 p.m. at the Borochov Centre, 272 Codsell Ave., for an afternoon of cards, chess and discussions. Light lunches are available...Shuffleboard teams meet every Tuesday and Thursday evening at 7.30 p.m. with refreshments served...Every Tuesday morning at 10, the Cultural Club discusses a topic of current interest. On Oct. 13, **Max Rosten** will talk about The Peril of the Persian Gulf.

The JCC North-East Valley Club Chaverim, 7015 Leslie St., has meetings every Monday afternoon from 1-3 (excluding holidays). Come out and join this congenial group for games, bingo, movies, speakers and entertainment. For more information call **Sally Kerbel** at the Valley office at 889-0813.

The Workmen's Circle Social Club meets for lunch and bingo on Tuesday, Oct. 13, at noon at 471 Lawrence Ave. W. New members are always welcome...A reminder to come out on Oct. 20 to straighten out your Miami account. For information, call **Shirley Grotell** at 222-7727.

Taylor Place Art Group invites you to the opening day of Artfest 87 on Wednesday, Oct. 14, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Taylor Place Senior Adult Centre, 1 Overland Dr., Don Mills. The show will continue through to Dec. 30 and the public is welcome to view on weekdays, Monday to Friday, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Several courses are available at the **Wagman Centre**, 55 Ameer Ave. — The History of North American Jewry series (10 sessions) with **Morton Manilla** on Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to noon; Creative Writing on Mondays from 10 a.m. to noon; How to Get the Most Out of Your Video Camera on Wednesdays from 8-10 p.m. Call 789-5131, ext. 2274 for information.

Earl Bales Seniors' Club is planning a bazaar on Sunday, Oct. 25. Saleable goods, either new or clean used items, would be greatly appreciated...The Simchat Torah social and barbecue takes place Sunday, Oct. 11, at 3.30 p.m. For information about all activities, call the office at 636-7856 Mondays to Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

The Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is located at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. The phone number is 225-2112.

The Wednesday afternoon social on Oct. 14 at 1.30 p.m. will a Simchat Torah tea with guest from Hamilton's Shalom Village and entertainment by the Creative Choir. The charge is $1.25 members, $1.75 non-members.

The Sunday program on Oct. 11 features a musical day with **Murray Kay**. The time is 2.30 p.m. and admission is $1 members, $1.50 non-members.

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Sunday, Oct. 11, from 7.30-10.30 p.m. The charge is $2 members, $2.50 non-members.

The fall color tour to Buckhorn, Ont., set for Tuesday, Oct. 13, includes a visit to Whetung's Native Art Centre, a buffet lunch at the Westwind Resort and a 2-hour narrated cruise of Buckhorn Lake. This day tour is fully booked but if you would like information about any upcoming trips, contact **Barbara Zigler** at the centre.

Earlier departure dates are planned this year for the Miami trips to the Shelbourne and Tarleton hotels to provide more time in the sun. All prices are in Canadian dollars and include cancellation insurance and health insurance while you are away.

at the jcc

Come in for refreshments under the palms of the Bloor Y succah after a workout at one of the exercise programs. The succah will be open Monday, Oct. 12, and Tuesday, Oct. 13, from 5-7 p.m. and Wednesday, Oct. 14, from 5-6 p.m. The Bloor Y is located at 750 Spadina Ave. (at Bloor).

The JCC North-East Valley Couples Over 40 group is presenting an evening at the opera on Sunday, Oct. 11, at the Valley, 7015 Leslie St., when **Frances and Alan Klinger** will show the film, La Traviata - The Wayward Woman with **Placido Domingo**. The cost is $5 and refreshments will follow the screening. For information, call **Rose Shapiro** at the Valley at 889-0813 or **Sylvia Barker** at 782-9588.

Your family is invited to join the JCC North-East Valley Branch family in celebrating Succoth on Sunday, Oct. 13, from 2-4 p.m. at the Valley, 7015 Leslie St. The many activities include making decorations and decorating the succah, pony rides, holiday arts and crafts, story-telling by **Rabbi Meir Gottesman**, bingo with **Jeff Perlmutar**, foods of the season and a special performance by **Shari** and **Jerry**. The charge is $5 member families, $7 non-member families. For more information, call the Valley office at 889-0813.

A correction — The JCC North-East Valley Singles Network discussion group with **Allan Simons**, originally slated for Oct. 6, will now take place Tuesday, Oct. 13, at 8 p.m. at the Valley upstairs party room. The topic will be How to Play the Power Management Game. Refreshments will be served. The charge is $3 members, $5 non-members.

singles events

Singles Events is an advertising feature of The Canadian Jewish News. For information on rates and deadlines please call Karen at 422-2528.

Metro Toronto Singles presents Thanksgiving Day Party, Monday, Oct. 12, 8:00 p.m. Desotos, 759 Mt. Pleasant, $7.00. Featuring Guys & Dolls Introductions. 222-7111 Sid.

Singles Group for College and University educated men and women. Ages 25-45. High Society 783-8520.

CORRECTION

Tuesday, October 13th — Discussion Group — speaker Allan Simons discussing the topic "How to Play the Power Management Game". 8:00 p.m., 7015 Leslie Street. Refreshments. $3.00 members, $5.00 non-members. For information Call Sally Kerbel 889-0813.

B.Nai Brith Singles Atidenyu Lodge — General meeting, Tueday, Oct. 13, 7:30 p.m., 15 Hove St., speaker Const. Howard Clements, Special Ethnic Squad; Apple picking at Chuddley's, Sunday, Oct. 11; Fall trip to Flora, Sunday, Oct. 25. Call Jeff 781-7310. Play "Run for your wife," Saturday, Oct. 17, $26.00. Call Cindy 488-3412.

Where are all the really good singles going on Oct. 13, 8:00 p.m.? To hear Sandra Gold (Sincerity Plus) discuss dating in the 80's. Na'amat's Club Dafina invites all MEN and women (25-38) to join them. Admission $2.00. Door Prizes. Call 482-7418.

About People

PRE-HOLIDAY PROGRAM

National Council of Jewish Women, Toronto Section, recently held its first pre-holiday program at the 9-month-old Bathurst Prince Charles Council Housing Project. Cantor David Bagley sang some of the High Holiday liturgies at the end of which the shofar was sounded. Here, 90-year-old Ray Silverman samples an apple dipped in honey. [Wendy Rosen photo]

AGO APPOINTMENTS

Several Torontonians have been appointed to serve on the 1987-88 board of trustees of the Art Gallery of Ontario.

Appointed by the College of Founders are **Arthur Gelber** and **Joseph Tanenbaum** and by the lieutenant-governor are **Blanche Loeb, Joseph Rotman and Howard Mitchell Simkins. Carol Sprachman** is among the associates from the membership.

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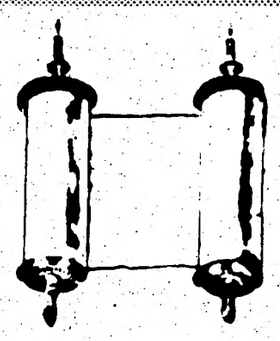

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By
RABBI MEIR URI GOTTESMAN

Succot 5748

No one can measure the holiness of a Succah, or of making a blessing over lulav and esrog.

The year that the saintly Reb Levi Yitzchak of Berditchev passed away, he told his followers the night after Yom Kippur: "My time has come to leave this world. But how can I pass on when there are two precious mitzvahs — succah and esrog — to fulfill?"

He celebrated that Succot, became ill on Isru Chag (the day after Simchat Torah), and passed away the next day.

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The Succah represents our coming under the real Skydome, that of the holy Shechinah.

Some day, there will be a great Succah stretched from the skin of the legendary great fish Leviathan (Livyatan), under which will gather the righteous of every generation.

Rev Levi Yitzchak filled his Succah with the "orchee porchee," the simplest Jews, whom he lifted with his warmth and Ahavas Yisrael.

When someone asked the great scholar why he invited these ignorant Jews to his Succah, he explained: "Someday, there will be a great Succah of Leviathan, and I will enter. They will ask: 'Levi Yitzchak, what are you doing here — you are not learned?' I will respond: 'But look, I allowed simple Jews into my Succah also'!"

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There are two Succahs, the Succah of walls and branches, and the Succah of the heart. We must welcome brother and sister Jews into the Succah of our hearts.

Every day of Succot, there is a new mystical guest, the spirits of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Moses, Aaron, Joseph and David. Each guest represents a person, each person represents a road to God.

Taught Reb Chaim of Sanz: The yahrzeit of each of the seven guests falls on the same day of the week they are the "Ushpizin" (guest) of the Succah. If Abraham's day is Thursday (like this year), then his yahrzeit during the year falls on Thursday, and so forth. (Yainah Shel Torah)

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The Succah not only helps the spirit, but the body.

Taught Reb Shlomo of Radumsk: The person who sits in a Succah will be protected from ill health.

And he explained: the Talmud teaches that a person who is suffering in the Succah, like from extreme cold, or rain, is not obligated to sit in a Succah.

The words are: A sufferer is "patur" — free — from the Succah.

And he interpreted: A person who is suffering ill health, God forbid, is freed from his sickness in the merit of a Succah!

On Succot, we serve God through joy, through love, through ahavah — not from fear.

But what if a Jew doesn't have a succah, no place to go? Every Jew has a place! Please contact this writer at 782-7075 if you want to eat in a Succah but don't know how or where. Incidentally, this year Orangeville built the first succah in its history!

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The young grandson of the Trisker Maggid saw that hundreds of chassidim were streaming to his grandfather for Yom Tov. "Why do they all come to you?" he asked. Answered the Maggid: "All the rivers run into the sea; you know why? Because it is lower than them all. . . ."

May God fill all our hearts with Simcha. Easy as ABC — Good Yom Tov!

"Nervous about being used"

Media rethink coverage of Zundel

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

Coverage of the 1985 false news trial of Holocaust-denier Ernst Zundel has prompted a reevaluation of the media's role in reporting on the case, two newsmen said recently.

Speaking to the Business and Professional Women's Network of United Jewish Appeal, Jeffrey Dworkin said CBC National Radio News is now debating how it will handle Zundel's upcoming January retrial for publishing a booklet which denied the Holocaust took place.

Dworkin, manager of the National Radio News, said "we're frankly nervous about being used by him."

He said there is an ongoing debate over whether to cover the trial at all. One alternative being considered is to air stories about the trial, the law, the issues surrounding the case including the question of free speech and then to report on the trial's results when it's over.

But Beverly Bowen, assistant city editor of The Globe and Mail, said the newspaper won't ignore the trial itself. While acknowledging the paper's initial coverage of the 1985 trial contained "errors" in the story headlines and editing, she said the story was too newsworthy to ignore.

"Our big dilemma," she said, "is what we'll do with it and how we'll play it." Whether it will be run on the front page or inside the paper is being discussed, she added.

Freelance journalist and commentator Jack London criticized the coverage by the media of the initial Zundel and Jim Keegstra trials: "Neither should have been held because of the incapacity of the media to avoid a juicy, titillating story," he said.

London, a law professor at the University of Manitoba, said the trial coverage gave the two a platform for their views. The pro-Zundel testimony in that case was covered uncritically, he stated, while the overall coverage was "incessant and high profile."

Canadians who are "borderline racists" (more than 10% of the population, he suggested) or uninformed could have come away from the coverage with wrong messages, he said. Someone skimming a Globe headline that stated " 'Witness describes ballroom at Auschwitz' " could come to believe the Holocaust was a party, he said.

He criticized members of the print media for "passing the buck" when saying reporters did not write the headlines and he urged "minor, intermittent coverage buried deep in the papers" when Zundel goes to trial in January.

The fourth speaker, Donna Dasko, said that despite the publicity in the case, studies show the more Canadians heard about the trial, the more sympathetic they became towards Jews and the more they learned about the Holocaust.

Dasko, senior associate of Environics Research Group, a polling company, said Zundel gave the 10% of intolerant Canadians a platform. The media shouldn't let that 10% get 90% of the coverage, she argued.

Broadening the scope of the discussion, Dasko said most Canadians "really like the mass media." Polls show 65-80% use it every day and the vast majority like the way the media report the news.

The media reflect the basic values and attitudes of society, she said and it gives the public what they want to see and hear.

London criticized the media for being unaccountable and for failing to police itself. Turning to news coverage of Israel, London said the Canadian media showed an "appalling lack of competent information" on the complexities of the Mideast situation, often analyzing the situation superficially.

Coverage of the 1982 Lebanon War presented "a distorted view" of the conflict. Media coverage of Israel and Jews goes beyond what is warranted. "We certainly didn't get it during (and before) World War II when it could have helped," he said.

Dworkin defended the CBC's coverage of the Lebanon War, saying unlike American networks, it provided a context and background to the conflict. Listener response to the coverage ranged from saying it was too pro-Israel in the initial stages of the war to being too pro-PLO in the latter stages.

Responding to questions at the end of the program, Bowen said the community response to the newspaper's headlines during the Zundel trial led to an evaluation of the coverage.

Dworkin told the meeting an internal inquiry is under way at the CBC in the wake of an incident on the Radio Noon Phone-in Show in Toronto. A "mistake" allowed Zundel on the same program as Holocaust survivor Sabina Citron, who was not informed Zundel would participate. Steps have been taken so such an incident doesn't happen again, he said.

Citron laid the initial false news charges against Zundel.

Student program proves attractive

REHOVOTH —

University students from around the world converged on the Weizmann Institute campus here this summer to participate in the Karen Kupcinet International Science School which offers research experience with top scientists.

Young scientists are brought together each summer for the science school, a 10-week to 4-month program organized by the institute's academic secretariat.

During the school year, the secretariat sends announcements to some 500 universities throughout the world. This year, the final selection of 73 students for the Karen Kupcinet program included candidates from Canada, Israel, the United States, Britain, India, Greece, Poland, South Korea and Switzerland.

Canadian students interested in next year's program can obtain further information by writing to The Canadian Society for the Weizmann Institute of Science, 345 Wilson Ave., Suite 403, Downsview, Ont. M3H 5W1 or by calling one of the following offices of the society: Ottawa (613) 236-3391; Montreal (514) 481-0466; Toronto (416) 630-0360; Vancouver (604) 522-1432.

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Elected president at annual meeting

Weizmann Toronto Chapter reacclaims Dennis

TORONTO —

David Dennis was reacclaimed as president of the Toronto Chapter of the Canadian Society for the Weizmann Institute of Science at the annual meeting held recently at the Inn on the Park.

A new slate of 11 directors was elected.

Reports were presented from the three major Divisions of the Chapter, the medical committee — the lawyer's committee and the Weizmann League. Subcommittee chairmen also reviewed activities of the previous year.

A new video, Sunpower, focusing on the Canadian Institute for the Energies and Applied Research, was screened. Construction is nearing completion and the formal dedication of the project will be held on the campus of the Weizmann Institute in November, 1988.

Aaron Schimmer, one of six Canadian students who participated in the 19th Annual Summer Science Program at the institute, spoke about his experiences.

The highlight of the evening was a special presentation of a memorial award to the family of the late Jacob Hendeles. H. Thomas Beck, national president of the Canadian Society, presented Hendeles' widow, Dorothy, with a scroll expressing the Society's regard for her husband.

Hanan Bar-On, newly appointed vice-president for international operations and public affairs of the Weizmann Institute, addressed the assembly.

He had previously spoken at a joint meeting of the national board and Think Tank '87 during which he stressed that funding from organizations such as the Canadian Society is vitally important to the institute.

The basic scientific research being done at the Weizmann Institute is not only crucial for Israel but also for both technological and applied scientific developments worldwide, he said.

Think Tank '87 which began in March under the chairmanship of the Toronto Chapter presidents, identified and analyzed goals, issues and strategies. Task forces were established to formulate proposals for submission to the national board of the Canadian Society. The board adopted resolutions for action in areas such as fund raising, public relations, programming and communications.

Seen at the recent annual meeting of the Toronto chapter of the Canadian Society for the Weizmann Institute are (from left) David Dennis, Toronto chapter president; James Kay, national chairman of the board; Ydessa Hendeles; Dorothy Hendeles; and Jason Hendeles, and H. Thomas Beck, National President.

John and Gladys Greenberg

Greenbergs to be honored

OTTAWA —

Community leaders John and Gladys Greenberg have been selected as honorees for this city's 1987 Negev Dinner on Nov. 18, local Jewish National Fund chairman Irving Rivers has announced.

The Greenbergs have always been concerned with the strengthening of community institutions in Israel and Ottawa, and have earned the respect and admiration of the Ottawa Jewish community, Rivers said.

Born and raised in Ottawa, the couple has made their presence felt in the many organizations to which they have devoted their energies, he added.

John Greenberg has held many leadership positions and has been active in numerous organizations. He has served as chairman of Ottawa Histadrut campaigns, general campaign chairman for State of Israel Bonds, vice-chairman of UJA and was also involved with the Canada Israel Foundation for Academic Exchanges.

He is currently president of the Ottawa Chapter of the Canadian Society for the Weizmann Institute, and is also an active member of ORT, B'nai B'rith Parliament Lodge, and several Israeli universities, including Hebrew University, Bar Ilan, Technion and Ben-Gurion.

Gladys Greenberg's community involvement is extensive. She has served as president of the Chana Szenes Chapter of Na'amat Canada, chairman of the Na'amat Council of Ottawa, and as a national board member of that organization. She was also chairman of the Women's Division of the State of Israel Bonds and Ambassador Ball Chairman, and has been awarded the "Woman of Valor" Award.

The Negev Dinner will be held at Ottawa's Jewish Community Centre. Rivers said the proceeds from the dinner will link John and Gladys Greenberg with the development of Israel and continue the JNF's ongoing work.

For further information, call (613) 230-9047.

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Organizations and People

4-day mission to Israel

UJA trip has participants soaring

By
ESTHER MEHR

TORONTO —
How much of the essence of Israel and her people can be absorbed in just four days? Just ask any one of the 35 participants in United Jewish Appeal's recent Israel Fly-In, led by Paul Morton and Neil Nisker.

The answer? "An incredible experience so intense and all-encompassing, we wouldn't have thought it possible had we not been there." Paul Morton stated.

During those four days key UJA funding areas were focused on and explored; an absorption centre visited; there were one-on-one discussions with several newly arrived Russian immigrants; and some up-to-the-minute briefings from high-ranking officials on various aspects of life in today's Israel. Those were some of the highlights.

And "highlights" is the operative word for the day-to-day experiences, the memories of which are etched in the heart and mind of each member of this unique mission.

For two of the participants — Kiki Delaney and Barry Gordon — it was their first time in Israel. For Michael Diamond, it was his first trip back in 18 years.

Even for those who had been to Israel on many previous occasions, this "mini-mission" had something new and special to savor.

Among the new highlights experienced was the emotion-packed visit to the recently-opened Children's Memorial at Yad Vashem: a 1-hour private meeting with Shimon Peres at the foreign ministry office; Shabbat dinner in the Old City in Jerusalem; a 2-hour walking tour of the inner city where old dilapidated buildings in the area will be restored under the aegis of Keren Hayesod.

Memorable also was the visit to Toronto's Project Renewal twin of Kfar Gvirol where a large community block party attended by hundreds of children was in progress. From there it was on to Beit Dagan for individual home hospitality as guests of residents.

"For a community that less than eight years ago was considered to be the hub for illegal drug traffic in Israel, there's been an unbelievable turnaround," Neil. Nisker commented. "Not only has that problem been almost cleared up, but the ambience of the entire community, from youngsters to the elderly, is so positive and forward-looking, you feel it the moment you arrive in Beit Dagan."

Another positive memory to take back is the time spent at Ein Yahave, a moshav in the Arava, close to the Jordanian border. "The beauty of the greenery surrounding the settlement was in sharp contrast to its desert environment," Nisker noted.

The consensus on UJA's second Israel Fly-In — "a marvellously upbeat four days none of us will forget."

Shown with Foreign Minister Shimon Peres during private meeting are (from left) Gerald Sheff, Paul Morton, Peres, Lisa Morrison and Neil Nikser.

Judaism course to be offered

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —
Beginning Nov. 5, rabbis from Conservative congregations in Toronto will again be offering *The Course on Basic Judaism.*

Fourteen rabbis will give lectures and lead discussions on a variety of topics that go to the heart of the Jewish lifestyle: kashruth, the how to's and why's; the meaning of Jewish prayer in our lives; Jewish ethics; and life cycles, the unique celebrations and observances surrounding events in Jewish lives.

The 14-week course is designed "to enable Jews who would like to learn about Judaism for the first time or to get a good review of Judaism through the eyes of different rabbis in the city," says Rabbi Howard Markose of the Adath Israel Congregation.

Eleven rabbis who taught the course last year will be joined by additional ones this year: Rabbis Irvin Beigel and Elvin Kose of the Beth Tzedec Congregation and Rabbi Wayne Allen of the Beth Tikvah Synagogue.

Rabbi Israel Silverman of the Beth Jacob Synagogue in Hamilton will travel to Toronto to participate.

The first half of the study program kicks off on Nov. 5 and runs for seven consecutive Thursday evenings until Dec. 17. At the opening session, Markose will introduce the course and give an overview of biblical literature.

The sessions will run from 7.30-9 p.m. following which there is optional instruction in Hebrew from 9.15-10.15, taught by Hannah Werner.

Following a mid-winter break, sessions resume on Jan. 14 and run to Feb. 25. All classes will be held at the Beth David B'Nai Israel Beth Am Synagogue, 55 Yeomans Rd.

There is no charge for the course, though there is a $50 fee for the Hebrew classes. Men and women of all age groups are invited.

While no one will be turned away from the classes, Markose asks those interested in the program to register in advance.

For more information, contact Markose at 635-5340.

Opatow memorial Nov. 1

TORONTO —
The annual memorial service for the community of Opatow (Apt) will be held Sunday, Nov. 1, 11 a.m., at Shaarei Tefillah Congregation, 3600 Bathurst St.

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Canadian diplomat tells CJC meeting:

Cuban Jews require driving force of a rabbi

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —
The Jewish community of Cuba is small, aging, and has few resources but is imbued with a tremendous amount of spirit, Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario Region, was told recently.

Still, the community is in dire need of whatever assistance the Canadian Jewish community can provide, said Jill Sinclair, second secretary and vice-consul of the Canadian embassy in Havana.

Sinclair told the meeting the Cuban Jewish community, which numbers about 1,000, does not suffer from discrimination, but like other religious groups receives no aid from the government.

Religious life is hampered by the lack of a rabbi and the 30-40 young Cuban Jews she is aware of are inactive in Jewish matters. They need the driving force of a rabbi to make it easier for them to express their Jewishness, Sinclair stated.

The most important event in the year for the community is Passover, the observance of which has been made possible by the delivery of Passover products by Canadian Jewish Congress, she said. "They feel very Jewish, involved in the community" when they come to pick up the goods, she said.

The community is in need of funds to purchase a car or van to help transport the elderly and for the community leader's use. It also appreciates personal visits, like that of Dr. Edmond Lipsitz, executive director of CJC, Ontario Region, which boosts morale, she said.

Sinclair, who has served in Cuba for about one year, said the Cuban Jewish community is "fairly secure."

Cuban leader Fidel Castro has taken an interest in religion it seems, she said, and a recent 5-hour meeting with World Jewish Congress President Edgar Bronfman led to a statement by Castro that he supports the community leader's wish to travel to other Jewish communities.

The Cuban community "will struggle along in a modest, but inspirational way," Sinclair said.

In a question period following her presentation, Rabbi Erwin Schild of the Adath Israel Synagogue announced that only a few weeks ago the Toronto shul "adopted" its namesake in Havana. That means visits to Cuba and the supply of religious articles, he added.

Sinclair said about eight to 10 youngsters under 10 participate in Sunday Hebrew classes, but they need materials, especially in Spanish, to go along with the Hebrew. She also stated that while there is no official relationship between the Jewish community and Israel, they are aware of the Jewish state, but there is no way to articulate their interest.

In other reports, Elaine Todres presented a moving account of her family's recent visit to her father's hometown in Poland where they dedicated a memorial to 300 Jews slain there during the Holocaust.

Todres said her father, Aryeh Meller of Winnipeg, summoned up the courage to visit the town in 1979 and afterwards set in motion a process to erect a monument on the site in the woods where the Jews of Kazimierza Wielka, including members of his family, were murdered.

The Polish government cooperated with the enterprise, she said, and at the ceremony this summer, members of all levels of government as well as local villagers, participated.

(See upcoming editions of The CJN for a full story on the trip.)

The executive meeting was kicked off by a report by Gella Rothstein on the upcoming 26th Regional Plenary of CJC, Ontario Region, scheduled for Nov. 28-29 in Toronto.

The plenary will provide an opportunity for leadership to report to the community on Congress' activities and outline future plans.

Among the programs on the agenda are discussions on assimilation, intermarriage and Jewish identity, distortion of the Holocaust, perceptions of Israel, multiculturalism and the function of a Jewish newspaper.

TJCC gets coordinator

TORONTO —
Nurit (Nicki) Oko Glick was been named consultant to schools and program coordinator for the Toronto Jewish Cultural Council, an announcement from the Canadian Jewish Congress Ontario Region says.

An educator with over 30 years of experience, Glick comes to CJC from Ottawa, where she was principal of Talmud Torah afternoon school and Akivah High School.

Nurit Glick

Born in Israel and raised in Montreal, Glick was the first principal of the Talmud Torah afternoon school in Chomedey in Laval.

She was educated at the Hebrew Teachers' Seminary in Montreal, Sir George Williams University, Rutgers University and Fairleigh Dickinson University in New Jersey.

Glick's duties will include overseeing Jewish educational curricula in Ontario Jewish schools. She will coordinate teachers' seminars, upgrade and revamp courses and edit a Jewish educators' newsletter, Egeret.

Within the Toronto Jewish Cultural Council she will coordinate all Jewish cultural activities in Toronto, including Jewish Book Month, the Toronto Jewish Film Society and the Jewish Music Society.

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Organizations and People

Shtetl wedding is theme

To. group's weekend attracts 100 Yiddishists

By
BEN KAYFETZ

TORONTO —
One hundred "Friends of Yiddish" gathered at Maple Lake Lodge in the resort area of Muskoka-Parry Sound recently for the Third Annual Weekend of the Toronto-based "Fraint Fun Yiddish."

The group consisted of the young and middle-aged, predominantly of Canadian birth with perhaps no more than three or four couples having been born and raised in Eastern Europe. All were suffused with an affection for and an attachment to mameh loshen, the language and culture of their forebears.

On the Friday evening after Shabbes dinner and z'mires they listened to a talk by this writer on Jewish Weddings, Past and Present, a combination of research and personal recollection with a dip into current satiric literature on the subject. (The shtetl wedding was the theme of this year's weekend.)

On Saturday morning and again on Sunday morning, Dr. Mikhel Herzog, a native of Toronto, now head of the Linguistics Department at Columbia University and editor-in-chief of the Great Dictionary of the Yiddish Language, and compiler of the Geographic Atlas of Yiddish, addressed the gathering.

On the first morning he covered the history and development of the language; on the second he dealt with the characteristics of its main dialects, generating the usual controversy among his listeners as to the preeminence of their own particular dialect — whether "Poilish" or "Litvak" or whatever.

There were two nature walks with Chana Erlich as guide, a Molly Picon film Mammele, song workshops with Esther Ghan Firestone, folk dance workshops with Sandy Starkman, campfire singing and simple enjoyable chaverishe svivah.

The highlight of the weekend was a Shtetl Wedding, complete with badkhan (Aaron Fainer), rabbi (Nat Garnick), bride and groom, a broigez dance, mekhutanim, unterfihrers, khupeh, candles, badekn the bride, etc. The weekenders were asked to bring clothing approximating the shtetl costumes and almost all were appropriately outfitted for the occasion. The dancing and hulianka went on and on to the wee hours.

Each person attending received a resource book (Ainkukbukh) with words to the Yiddish songs in both Hebrew and Latin script and maps and charts illustrating Professor Herzog's lectures. The figure of 100 attending represents the capacity of the lodge; many who wished to attend had to be turned away.

All food was under CJC kosher supervision (the premises are owned by the Jewish Camp Council). Brina Rose and Gloria Valentine alternated in presiding over the various sessions, and a circle of devoted volunteers looked after the many details of preparation, room reservations and administration.

Among the attendants were Dovid and Simone Sherman and their two tiny children, Ariela and Shoshana, who are being raised in Yiddish only at home and who speak it exclusively among themselves, something once quite common but now an exceptional phenomenon.

Harvest Food Bank holding 2nd annual Succoth appeal

By
LEILA SPEISMAN

TORONTO —
North York Harvest Food Bank is holding its second annual Succoth food drive, beginning this week, says Loren Freid, the organization's executive director.

Last year's campaign collected over 2,500 pounds of food, he told The Canadian Jewish News. This year, he hopes to do even better, as more synagogues are getting involved.

The idea, says Freid, is for people to bring donations, especially canned meat or fish, peanut butter, juice, baby food and formula, diapers, and household and hygiene products, to their participating synagogues over Succoth.

The donations will be delivered to social agencies in the suburban areas for distribution.

No longer, said Freid, are the poor and hungry restricted to the downtown core. Constant development of Toronto's centre has driven many to the suburbs, including North York.

"Many of these people spend 80% of their income on rent. How much is left for anything else?"

A common misconception, Freid charged, is that hunger is not a Jewish problem; that Jews always take care of their own. "Just last week a women's shelter called here asking for donations of kosher food," he said.

The Succoth food drive has received the most enthusiastic response, said Freid, from the liberal congregations. Holy Blossom, Temple Har Zion, Temple Sinai, Temple Emanu-El have been "terrific." Conservative Adath Israel, Beth Sholom, Beth Emeth-Bais Yehuda, Beth Tikvah, and the United Synagogue Day School branch located in Beth Tzedec are also taking an active part.

Each synagogue has its own way of collecting donations. Temple Emanu-El, for instance, is assembling all the donations in the synagogue succah.

Adath Israel, on the other hand, reports organizer Marlene Walker, is having a display and collection bins in the main lobby, which will be manned by volunteers, including, she hopes, youngsters from the congregation.

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Honoree Sasha Weisz (centre) holds the plaque presented to her by Ruhama Goldstein, national president, Bonds Women's Division, (left) as Judy Schwartz, chairman, Hamilton Bonds Women's Division, looks on.

Hamiltonian honored

Bonds luncheon fetes Weisz

By
MOURA WOLPERT

HAMILTON — Tributes to Hamilton's 1987 Israel Bonds Woman of the Year Sasha Weisz and recollections of Golda Meir by her grand niece, Alice Golembo, were the highlights of the recent Bonds women's division gala luncheon at Beth Jacob Synagogue.

The first chairman of the Bonds Women's Division when it was revived in 1978 after a lapse of several years, Weisz was lauded for her willingness to assume important leadership positions and her ability to involve and inspire others.

Although she had no previous experience when she assumed the Bonds chairmanship, Weisz was instrumental in laying the foundation for what has become a very strong organization, noted 1987 Women's Division chairman Judy Schwartz in her tribute.

Later Weisz also headed "two very successful" UJA women's division campaigns and as president of the Temple Anshe Sholom Deborah Sisterhood she was able to recruit many new members.

"She is an excellent example of what a person can accomplish," said Schwartz.

In her reply, Weisz stated that her experience as a volunteer "has given me a very diverse education — from how to run a committee to culinary skills."

The role of the volunteer, she went on, "is a very important one and I encourage more women who have the time to be a part of our work. I am very proud," declared Weisz, "to be able to serve the State of Israel. We have a profound duty to maintain that vibrant, beautiful and important little country."

A young actress who has appeared in the Broadway production of Golda, guest speaker Alice Golembo recalled the first night of the play, to which Meir had "brought the entire family."

"Having the real Golda in the audience," said Golembo, "was really bizarre for the actors and for the audience. We noticed that the audience would first check out Golda's reactions (before registering their own) . . . and at the end, the entire audience rose and gave Golda an ovation instead of the actors and the play.

"She did not like the play," commented Golembo.

Later in the dressing room of Anne Bancroft, who played Golda, "Anne sat in one corner, Golda sat in another, neither saying anything."

Becoming nervous, Bancroft began removing her makeup, finally peeling off her enormous false nose. "That's fantastic!" exclaimed Meir. "Now show me how I can do that with mine."

"Here was Golda Meir, the great world leader and yet," observed Golembo, "here she was, a woman with all a woman's frailties."

Co-vice chairmen Jeannine Sternberg and Jean Vertlieb both noted that next year marks the 90th anniversary of the birth of Golda Meir and urged the audience to fulfil Golda's vision by supporting Israel.

National chairman of Bonds Women's Division, Ruhama Goldstein, made the official presentation to the honoree and former Hamilton Women's Division chairman, Anne Mandell, presented sponsor pins.

Federation president Andrea Stringer brought greetings from all other organizations and the invocation was delivered by Rabbi Israel Silverman of Beth Jacob Synagogue. Also at the headtable was associate Bonds chairman John Ross.

Affixing of mezzuzahs launches Eitz Chaim branch

VAUGHAN — The affixing of mezzuzahs "in the traditional, Torah manner" recently inaugurated the new Spring Farm Branch of Eitz Chaim Schools, says Esther Weinstock, assistant principal in charge of Spring Farm Grade School.

The main mezzuzah was put on by Eitz Chaim president-for-life Joseph Tanenbaum, who was thanked by Grade 4 student Rachel Chaya Idels.

Witnessing the event was the entire student body, as well as school dignitaries, including senior principal Rabbi S. K. Weinberg, general studies principal Rabbi Shlomo Jakobovitz, girls' school principal Leo Adler, executive director Joseph Goldwasser, and co-president Harry Botnick.

Esther Weinstock told The Canadian Jewish News that she had the students devote the whole morning to the event. Arts and crafts in the classrooms, and a movie and talk by Weinstock taught the children, from grade 1 to grade 4, the laws, customs and folklore of mezzuzahs.

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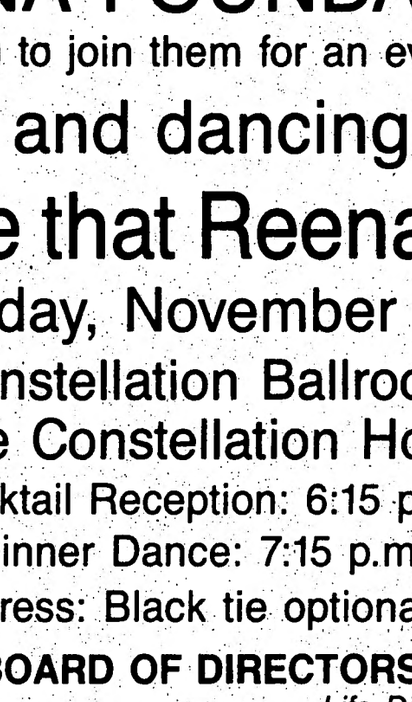

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Organizations and People

Meir's grand-niece is luncheon speaker

Alice Golembo recalls life with "Auntie Goldie"

By
MOURA WOLPERT

Alice Golembo

HAMILTON — To Alice Golembo, Golda Meir was always "Auntie Goldie." And it was with "Auntie Goldie" that Golembo went to live for a year, in her official prime ministerial residence in Jerusalem, after graduating from university in 1972 in her native U.S. and working for a year as an actress.

Golembo is the granddaughter of Meir's eldest sister, Sheyna Korngold. Her mother is Sheyna's daughter Judith, who was born and raised in Israel but left to study nursing in New York. There she met and married her husband, raised two daughters, and after 35 years, finally returned to Israel.

"One thing my parents had never impressed upon me was Golda's position in the world." In a brief conversation prior to the Israel Bonds Women's division luncheon at which she was the guest speaker, Golembo recalled her aunt with obvious affection.

"She was Auntie Goldie and when I moved in with her, I knew her as Auntie Goldie."

On her second day in Israel, "Golda had obtained theatre tickets for us and we went to the theatre — with the security men. I wasn't at all awed by this — but when we arrived and the entire audience stood and applauded, it suddenly fell on me like a ton of bricks who this woman really was!"

Petite, attractive and vivacious, Golembo has temporarily shelved her acting career to be "a full time mommy" to 5-year old Sheyna and 1-year old Ashton.

For the past five years she has been travelling extensively on behalf of Bonds. "Golda had a special relationship with Bonds," she explains. She always considered launching Bonds in 1951 as one of her proudest achievements and I feel very fortunate that at least I am helping to continue a little of her work."

What impressed Golembo most about Golda was "her incredible ability to separate politics from her personal life. She had meetings in the evenings at home — the kitchen cabinets really happened — but as soon as they were over, she could turn off and turn to the family.

"Come Alice, she would say. What did you do today? Come, let's have a snack. And we would go to the kitchen and she would make me matzo brei and then we would sit and talk."

She learned Hebrew slowly, confessed Golembo. "Our teachers told us to listen to the radio and TV but I could never understand."

But she always understood her aunt. "Golda spoke simply, with a very strong American accent, not flowery but clear and direct. Where others used nine words, she used one."

Nonetheless, Golembo appeared in a stage show in Hebrew, learning her part by rote. "I lived in nightly fear that someone would ad lib and I wouldn't understand but luckily that never happened."

In Israel she worked for educational TV, doing several series in English that are still running (and which her mother proudly watches every morning with her friends) as well as film dubbing. "Europe sends a lot of films to be dubbed into English," she explains, "and I loved it."

Golembo met her husband Eri in Jerusalem. A South African, he had come to Israel to continue his education and was sharing his house with other students next to the Prime Minister's residence. "He was the boy next door while I was living with Golda and we met, literally, over the fence."

Today they live in New Jersey, where Eri has just started his own advertising and marketing company.

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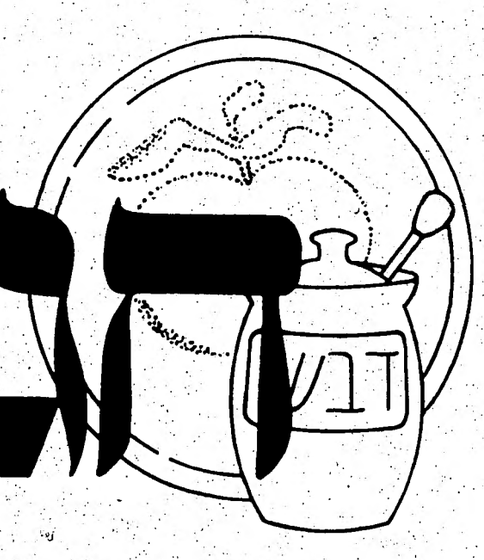

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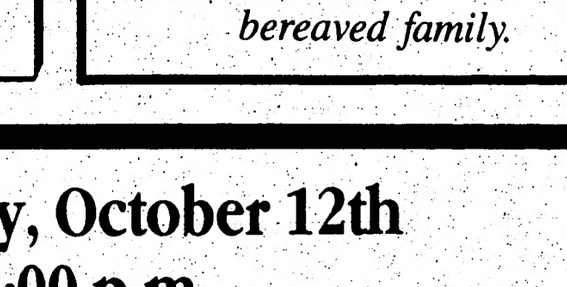

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Aging harder for women, expert tells symposium

By
CYNTHIA GASNER

Sandra Pyke addresses a symposium on Aging and Mental Health.

TORONTO —

"Aging is bad for your health — being female is bad for your health," Sandra Pyke, the dean of the School of Graduate Studies said at a symposium titled, Aging: Focus on Mental Health held recently at the OISE Auditorium.

Pyke spoke on sexual inequalities as reflected in the social, economic and political context in which women age. This, she says, has a significant influence on their health and psychological well being.

Considering that two out of three persons over 75 are women, and that the average woman of today can expect to live 37 years after her child rearing responsibilities are over and to live 16 of those years as a widow, Pyke told the full-to-capacity audience that researchers and policymakers, until very recently, have largely overlooked the concerns of elderly women.

"Women's greater longevity relative to men can support the proposition that aging is more difficult for women and that they must suffer the debilitating effects of aging over a greater period and with more severity."

She notes that women report more health problems than do men. And they make greater use of health care services.

Interpretations and explanations of the data suggest that society has given women permission to be sick because they have more time and fewer fixed role obligations. This, she says, trivializes the nature of women's complaints and suggests that women are held in low regard in our culture.

"Perhaps the most obvious manifestation of the culture's negative view of women is the double standard of aging."

She says that to be old in a culture which reveres youth is to be "useless, ugly, stigmatized and even mad." This cultural orientation is significant for women because a woman's worth or value is more closely tied to physical or sexual attraction and beauty while a man's value is more a function of his accomplishments.

"As a man ages, he improves in value — as a woman ages she loses value." Discussing the double standard, Pyke compared the significance of grey hair, facial lines and other signs of aging.

These negatively affect a woman's self-esteem, which is based on a youthful appearance, while it is viewed as a mark of a man's station and a "weathered look" which indicates that "he has lived."

"This double standard of aging makes getting older a traumatic experience for many women." Pyke believes that women are devaluated because they are judged by men's standards.

The assumption that menopausal women become depressed because of hormonal changes has not been clearly linked, she says. "The stereotypes concerning menopause are far more negative than the experience itself."

Debunking several myths, Pyke believes that women who are sexually active in old age are women who were active when they were younger. Stressing the importance of friendships, she says, "Sex may not be nearly as essential to physical or psychological well being as the availability of intimacy."

A serious concern for elderly women is their financial disadvantage. In Canada in 1982, 60% of elderly unattached women had incomes below the official poverty line. The figure for men is 49% but, she says, one must remember that there are four times more unattached elderly women than men.

"It is necessary to change the quality of life for elderly people." Some of the changes she suggests include a more realistic and positive portrayal of older women in the media, privacy in institutions, pension reforms, equal pay for work of equal value, affirmative action, and a revision of the current health care system.

Despite the mammoth problems confronting aging women and the widening numerical imbalance between males and females, Pyke says that the majority of women cope well with aging. She attributes this to their ability to develop close relationships with other women, which allows them to deal with loneliness.

"And we should work for lowering the death rate among men," Pyke concluded. Pyke has focussed much of her research on sex-role differences and the status of women. She has published many articles in scientific journals, and she is the co-author with Neil McAgnew of The Science Game published this year.

The all-day symposium was co-chaired by Henrietta Chesnie and Rosalind Witkin and presented by the Mount Sinai Hospital Auxiliary and The Gerontology Programme at the University of Toronto.

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Organizations and People

Let's UJA Talk...

Chatting before start of program at Investment Division function are from the left Andrew Gutman, Gerald Schwartz, Allen Eisen and Alan Gould. Gutman and Eisen were Program Chairmen.

After the glowing cover story on **Gerald Schwartz** in a recent Globe & Mail Business Report, many peole are now familiar with his business acumen and flair as an entrepreneur.

Following his appearance as guest speaker at the UJA Investment Division function held at the Sheraton Centre, the President and Chief Executive Officer of Onex Corporation will also be known as an all-round good sport.

Schwartz took quite a roasting from his friend and co-speaker, the well-known author and humorist **Alan Gould**. He appeared to enjoy it every bit as much as the audience of close to 100 men and women who toil in the investment and brokerage field.

In the "serious" portion of the program, Schwartz explained how his style of operation differs from other Leverage Buy Out (LBO) agglomerates.

"We're not in the business of shuffling papers. The real meat is in creating jobs and productivity," he stated. "We put more equity into takeovers and maintain an ongoing relationship on operating issues."

Many in his field, Schwartz claims, have financial but not business criteria and are not prepared to take business risks. In the acquisition process, he said, the goal should be "to create value and quality, working with first-rate management teams to build for the future."

While raking Gerald Schwartz over the coals, (all in good humor, of course) Alan Gould didn't spare his audience either. He started by explaining that "schnorrer is Yiddish for broker." And that's how it went, along with barbs and far-fetched yarns about zealous UJA canvassers.

And taking no back seat in all the proceedings was Campaign Co-chairman **Gerald Sheff**. He entered into the spirit of things as he brought the program to a close with a brief, humorous and eloquent tribute to the "outstanding" performance of the Investment Division as it begins its second year as part of the campaign structure.

Seated at the back of the room taking it all in was a distinguished gentleman who Sheff introduced. His name? **Andy Schwartz**, father of Gerald. He was in town from Winnipeg to spend the High Holidays with his son.

Program Chairmen were **Allen Eisen** and **Andrew Gutman**.

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Just one week after Super Sunday the Optometrists/Opticians Division held their opening breakfast meeting, organized by Co-chairmen **Drs. Scarlat Albright** and **Dennis Bader**. Scarlat's son, **Adam** was guest speaker, along with UJA Campaign Director **Mark Gryfe**.

Present along with Health Professions co-ordinator **Dr. Howard Stevens**, were the following:

Jaime Backal, Leah Basch, Irv Berger, Lorne Berman, Paul Chris, Farrel Cole, Chaya Engel, Sydney Faibish, Burton Klein, David Korn, Claude Sairan, Harry Shadlyn, Brenda Shaul, Howard Shilling, Howard Snow, Larry Teitel, Milton Teitel and **Kevin Tyber**.

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Good to see **Nat Hurwich** back in harness after a bout of ill-health. Nat, a long-time loyal supporter of UJA and former Canvasser of the Year, dropped by the office to say hello just before Rosh Hashanah.

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Things are never dull in the Women's Campaign area. And no wonder — there are so many activities going on in tandem with each other, it's almost impossible to keep track of them all.

With the New York Mission and UJA Day barely behind them, already set up are two interesting and highly unusual functions in October.

On October 21 **Sheila Guttman**, along with **Reva** and **Aviva Guttman**, will host an evening at which the special guest will be **Ilana Harkavy**. Ms. Harkavy is personal beauty consultant to many famous film and television stars.

Committee members include **Resa Glustein, Laya Juda, Marilyn Maierovitz, Jeanette Massouda, Mimi Miller, Theo Price, Judy Sigler, Susan Spindel** and **Maryka Weisz**.

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And a real treat is in store for the limited number of lucky women who will have the rare opportunity to see and hear the incomparable **Itzhak Perlman** in rehearsal at Roy Thomson Hall.

The date is October 29 and following the morning rehearsal, luncheon will be served. Committee Chairman for this special event are **Lily Fenig** and **Susan Slater** who worked on the arrangements with **Elaine Fink, Carol Gordon, Laya Juda, Resa Glustein, Linda Hofstedter, Marilyn Maierovitz, Judy Sigler, Jeanette Massouda** and **Maryka Weisz**.

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That's it for this week.

Organizations and People

At Beth Tikvah Brotherhood Club

Bob Rae sings out about his family's history

By
BEN ROSE

Bob Rae

TORONTO —

Ontario NDP leader Bob Rae's 101-year-old grandmother can sing I Love a Lassie in Yiddish, he told the opening meeting of the Beth Tikvah Brotherhood Club recently.

Making one of his first appearances after becoming leader of the opposition in the Ontario Legislature, a relaxed Rae took the opportunity to talk about his background.

Despite her age, his paternal grandmother is still alert, though she cannot see or hear, and lives with his parents in Ottawa. His maternal grandmother is also alive and lives with a sister in England.

Rae said his grandfather was from Lithuania, the oldest son of an Orthodox family, and later in life was a cutter for Tip Top Tailors in Toronto. His grandfather met his grandmother, a Protestant, in Glasgow in 1909. His grandparents came to Canada in 1911 but eventually went back to Britain.

His father, Saul, grew up in Toronto and was on stage as early as 6 years of age. His uncle, Jackie Rae, was a well known entertainer and prominent in the early days of Canadian TV. His aunt, Grace, was a dancer and choreographer, and toured Canada with a singing and dancing group known as Little Rays of Sunshine.

"I still run into older people who remember them," Rae said.

His father entered the Canadian diplomatic service but did not abandon his love for show business. This reporter remembers him starring in an Ottawa revue, singing and dancing to the tune of a song about Prime Minister Mackenzie King's speech writer, Calling Mr. Brockington, Have You Got Those Speeches Done?

His father had a number of high posts in the Canadian diplomatic service and Bob Rae grew up in Ottawa as well as in cities where his father was posted.

One of his favorite memories is delivering The Washington Daily News with his brother. Two of their customers were Richard Nixon and Estes Kefauver, then a prominent Democrat and leadership candidate. "It was Christmas time and I watched Mrs. Nixon count out 10 pennies as our gift. Kefauver gave us a $20 bill — he was feeling no pain at the time."

Rae is married to a Jew, Arlene Perly, and they have three daughters, age 6, 4 and 2½.

"There are many doctors in my wife's family and during the doctors' strike last year and the events leading up to it we had great discussions at Friday night suppers," he said.

Rae, who won a Rhodes scholarship in 1969, says he has been called a "specialist with spats," and a "silver spoon socialist," but it doesn't bother him.

In the question period, he said that, on balance, he is still opposed to public funding for Jewish day schools, but is interested in hearing from the Jewish community on how it can be done.

"My personal view is that it is difficult to justify taxpayers supporting private education," he said.

"There was an interesting debate about 15 years ago between the Jewish Board of Education and the North York Board of Education about some form of affiliation. I'm not opposed to that if the local board of education can work out an agreement."

Asked about the bill on refugees presented by the Mulroney government, Rae said: "On immigration, I'm an out and out small "l" liberal and my instincts are to oppose the bill."

The meeting was under the chairmanship of Albert Miller. Rae was introduced by Dr. Leonard Sadinsky and thanked by Stephen Biderman.

Implications for Jews outlined

Family Law Act discussed

TORONTO —

Although recent amendments to the Ontario Family Law Reform Act have strengthened a wife's ability to compel a former husband to give a get, a more comprehensive solution requires an amendment to the federal Divorce Act, says Rabbi Mordechai Ochs.

Ochs, head of the Toronto Beit Din, made the comments during a recent panel discussion at the opening/membership program of Emunah Women of Toronto. More than 120 people attended.

Other participants in the discussion on the new Family Law Reform Act's implications for Jewish women included Gordon Wolfe, executive director of Jewish Family & Child Services, Shayna Kravetz, an Orthodox feminist lawyer, and Michael Cochrane, a lawyer with the Ontario attorney general's department.

Cochrane reviewed changes in the law affecting division of assets. Both family and business assets must now be equally divided in a marriage breakup, he said.

Cochrane also described a new administrative mechanism to enforce payments under alimony and child support orders and to ensure adherence to access orders in favor of the non-custodial parent and other interested relatives such as grandparents.

Kravetz reported on the change in the Court's practice of directing time-limited spousal support orders because of the presumed improved position of the spouse through the equal division of assets.

Wolfe urged the audience to remember the needs of the children of the marriage. He stressed they suffer the most through its breakup.

The panel was chaired by Tova Gutenberg, an Orthodox lawyer and longtime Emunah member. The evening program was introduced by co-chairpersons Sorrie Javasky and Debbie Diamond.

A Dvar Torah — traditional at all Emunah events — was given by council vice-president Judy Pachino.

Regional president Bea Rosenfield reported on her recent trip to Israel, updating the membership on the status of nurseries, daycare centres and camps supported by Emunah Women of Canada.

The membership campaign — officially launched by regional vice-president Gladys Blank — features the theme "Emunah Women — Faith in Action".

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Jewish chapter receives charter

Doctor explains link between diabetes, sexuality

By
BEN ROSE

TORONTO —
Deciding that a serious subject deserves a lighter touch, Dr. Irving Gottesman, a diabetes specialist, took a witty approach to his subject, Diabetes, Sexuality and Lifestyle, at the Jewish Chapter of the Canadian Diabetic Association.

A diabetic woman who wants to become pregnant must keep her sugar level carefully controlled and should phone her physician immediately if she suspects she is pregnant. "It gets me out of the house at night," Gottesman laughed.

"If conception does not take place right away I tell them to practice a lot."

On a more serious note Gottesman said that a pregnant diabetic woman does not face any more risks than a non-diabetic, providing her sugar level is controlled.

The audience of 125 at Shaarei Shomayim synagogue witnessed a presentation at which Esther Schwartz, co-ordinator of the Jewish Chapter received its charter as a full-fledged chapter from Mary Buchanan, executive director of the Toronto branch of the Canadian Diabetes Association. Al Green, president of the Ontario division, and Clark Wallace, president of the Toronto branch, were also present.

Up to now, the Jewish group has been affiliated with the CDA as a support group. "This gives us a little more recognition," Schwartz said.

Blood testing for the level of sugar is replacing urine glucose tests, although it is not suitable for everyone, Gottesman said. "This is the way most people are going," he said.

"It gives an indication of the way the disease is going. It reduces the frequency of hospital admissions. In five years not one of my patients has had to be admitted to hospital. When the patient calls me we can make any adjustments needed over the phone."

Diabetics are leading much more active lives than they used to and for them one insulin injection a day is not enough; they take three injections a day and the amount of insulin is dependent on how active the patient wants to be.

A 10-year-study, in Toronto, now in its sixth year, may reveal whether one insulin injection, or more than one, is better at controlling the glucose level.

Gottesman said another study at Mount Sinai Hospital is seeking patients between the ages of 13 and 39 and who have had non-insulin dependent diabetes for one to five years. He asked that such patients get in touch with him.

Turning to the subject of diabetes and sexuality, Dr. Gottesman said a study of 80 diabetic males, between the ages of 26 and 45, showed that 46% had sexual dysfunction. By the age of 50, half of diabetic men have it. When sexual dysfunction occurs in women diabetics, it is usually an adaptation to a chronic disease (diabetes) which causes it.

For diabetic men with erectile dysfunction, the options include a safe but expensive hormone (a treatment which must be discussed with the patient's physician), an implant, or vessel surgery. But even before these options are considered, a change in medication, particularly of anti-hypertensive drugs, should be tried.

Also, psychological grounds should be explored and these may be unrelated to diabetes. Once sugar level is under control, the patient may need sexual counselling, if other options are not successful.

Gottesman urged patients to exercise to improve their response to stress and their sense of well-being. But he cautioned them not to exercise while fasting, never to exercise alone, and to eat before, after and during the exercise. Sugar levels should also be checked before, after and during exercise.

In response to a question, he said men and women are reluctant to talk about sexual dysfunction and they never mention it on the first visit. However, by the second or third visit Gottesman said he asks the patients specific questions about their sex life.

Dorothy Zeifman presented Gottesman with a donation for diabetes research from the chapter.

Esther Schwartz thanked the following committee members: Helen Clinton, Jeff Rosen, Shirley Glatt, Carol Millman, Doris Hertz, Lew Lightstone, Dorothy Zeifman, Mindi Langer and Alan Shefman.

The speaker was introduced by Jeff Rosen and thanked by Dorothy Zeifman.

Weight Control: The Diabetic Way of Eating will be the topic at a meeting of the Jewish chapter at 8 p.m. Monday, Nov. 2 at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, 470 Glencairn Ave. W. The guest speaker will be Marjorie Hollands of the Tri-Hospital Diabetes Education Centre at Women's College Hospital. For further information, call Esther Schwartz at 782-2176.

Israeli diplomat to speak

TORONTO —
Israel's ambassador to Canada, Israel Gur-Arieh, will address a meeting of the Canadian Society for Yad Vashem at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 20, at the home of David Smoskowitz, 21 Steele Valley Rd., in Thornhill.

Israel Gur-Arieh

Gur-Arieh will discuss Yad Vashem, the Holocaust Martyrs' and Heroes' Remembrance Authority in Jerusalem and its relevance for today.

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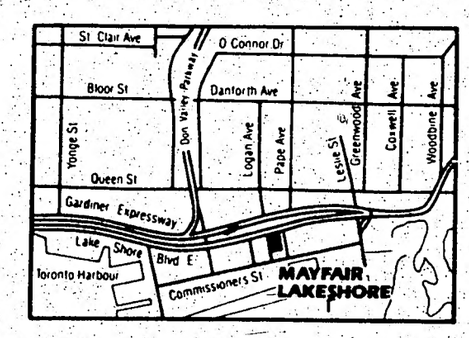

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Cited for Jewish scholarly work

Ottawa rabbi given Tanenbaum literary prize

TORONTO —

Rabbi Reuven Bulka of Ottawa recently received this year's Joe Tanenbaum Literary Award for important contributions in Jewish scholarship from the Jewish Book Committee of the Toronto Jewish Cultural Council.

Bulka's creativity is an ongoing process like the rejuvenation taking place in the Jewish yearly cycle, said Meyer Feldman, book committee chairman who presented the award to the author at an executive committee meeting of Toronto Jewish Congress.

Bulka praised his congregation at Machzikei Hadas Synagogue, saying, "The only reason I'm able to write is because I have one of the greatest blessings a rabbi could have: a congregation that tolerates my gloomy literary activities and does not place abhorrent burdens on me. As a result, whatever I have done is only because of them."

The rabbi said he received his first literary award when he was in the eighth grade in elementary school, writing an essay about the famous chazzan, Yossele Rosenblatt.

He explained that his collection of Sidrot was facilitated by congregational Shabbat discussions and said, "This book came easily as a result."

Bulka said his biggest seller, The Coming Cataclysm (a discussion of the Orthodox-Reform rift and the future of the Jewish People) was written in a very short time. It came to him after he was invited to an adult education committee meeting at Temple Israel in Ottawa, speaking on the topic "Jewish Survival."

His latest work is The Jewish Pleasure Principle, in which Bulka says that being Jewish "is something that should make you happy and joyous.

"If one enjoys life," he said, "in the true meaningful sense, then one will have a better chance of appreciating G-d, and Judaism gives us all the ingredients to reach this state."

Meyer Feldman presents Rabbi Reuven Bulka (right) with the Joe Tanenbaum Literary Award.

Two groups join to sponsor gala at the Promenade

By
WENDY ROSEN

TORONTO —

Two Jewish organizations have joined forces to hold a fund raising event.

The Hertzliah Chapter of ORT (Organization for Rehabilitation through Training) and Maven Lodge of B'nai B'rith Canada are sponsoring a Monte Carlo Gala Evening Oct. 31 at the Promenade Mall. Doors for the casino and auction — items have been donated by members of the community — open at 7:30 p.m.

Libby Zimmerman, Hertzliah's organizing chairman, said that the more than 40-member chapter had been looking at new fund raising projects. They had previously concentrated on teas, food sales at bazaars and garage sales — "the usual things ladies do."

The joint venture came about because the son of one of the vice-presidents is a member of Maven, a lodge which boasts a membership of 125 enterprising adults whose average age is 29. The lodge had success earlier this year in co-sponsoring, together with Sunnybrook Medical Foundation, the Molson Indy Gala.

"There weren't enough members of each group to run an auction and Monte Carlo night but we decided that together we make a great package."

Gary Gladstone, Maven's fund raising chairman and past president, said there will be 45 blackjack tables and 10 wheels of fortune to create the casino environment.

He said tickets can be purchased for $5 at the door or by phoning (416) 785-5076. Any corporation which wants to sponsor a blackjack table for the evening can also call that number.

Monies raised will be split evenly between the two organizations. Maven's portion will go to BB's foundation with some funds going to support Baycrest Centre, Gladstone said.

Zimmerman said Hertzliah will send its share to World ORT Union in Israel for distribution in its school program.

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Organizations and People

Stars to gather for Mount Sinai

Rock 'n' roll fund raiser to help cancer research

By CYNTHIA GASNER

TORONTO —

Get your dancing shoes on, we're going to Rock'n' Roll our way back to the fabulous 50s — and at the same time raise money for cancer research at the Mount Sinai Hospital.

On Saturday night, Oct. 24, at the Metropolitan Ballroom of the Toronto Hilton Harbour Castle Convention Centre, more than 1,500 young-at-hearts will don their casual 50s clothes, right down to the white sox, and "Rock for Research" with notables Dick Clark, Freddy Cannon, The Shirelles, Chubby Checker, The Saul Helman Band and Roger Ashby of CHUM-FM.

One of the things that makes this $200-a-ticket nostalgic fund raiser unusual is the group of people who band together to help raise more than $300,000 for cancer research at the Mount Sinai Research Institute. Many of the volunteers are not affiliated with the hospital.

"It all began about two years ago," says Norman Hollend, the organizer of the event. "I was at a bar mitzvah where The Saul Helman Band was performing. I noticed that whenever the rock music of the 50s was playing, the dance floor was crowded."

Hollend mentioned this great interest in the 50s music to Pat Appleton, a member of the hospital's auxiliary, and he suggested that this would be a great fund raising project for the hospital. Appleton agreed and asked Hollend if he would organize it.

Hollend, who heads Norman Hollend Realty Inc., says he never realized how much time and effort was required to plan the event "or I probably wouldn't have accepted."

For the past two years, Hollend has been travelling back and forth to Los Angeles to finalize the plans. "I'm grateful to my wife Debbie for giving me her total support and for taking on many of the responsibilities for the planning," says the realtor.

Hollend personally guaranteed to cover the cost of the house and he began convincing friends and business associates to join the fund raising venture. With the help of Goldie Brass, David Bloom, Morty Smith, Caryn Smith, Michael Lyon, Barbara Track, and 75 volunteers, they formed committees and went to work.

To date, notes Hollend, almost $300,000 has been contributed by corporate donors.

The committee delved into school year books and newspapers and came up with many exciting ideas that are sure to awaken the remembrances of those who attend. The setting is a gym-look with bleachers and fast food stations located around the large room.

The entrance is a locker room and scattered around are cars from the 50s, assorted memorabilia, old juke boxes, post-war neon signs, and enlarged pictures of yesteryear that are sure to awaken hidden memories.

And if that's not enough, the dance music and entertainment promises to be fantastically 50s, Hollend comments.

Working closely with Hollend and the Friends of Mount Sinai (as this independent group calls itself), bandleader Saul Helman and radio's Roger Ashby have some great surprises.

The fun and non-stop dancing begins at 7 p.m. when Ashby will present an hour of great recordings from the 50s. And for more dancing to live music, Helman has added six additional musicians to his regular band and they have been rehearsing for several months.

A full stage show will include the renowned host of American Bandstand, Dick Clark, known as "America's oldest living teenager." For more than 35 years, Clark has introduced thousands of new faces in the world of popular music. Countless hit songs were first heard on his popular show and dozens of dances were first presented by Clark, including the Twist.

The inimitable Chubby Checker will be joined by Freddy Cannon and the singing group The Shirelles for a stage show which will include old videos (viewed on two giant screens) of their performances in the 50s followed by live performances of music from the 50s to the present day.

And the creative heads are not finished — there will be a contest on stage on the stars of the 50s, a walk through memory lane with surprise photos exhibited, Polaroid pictures for the guests, and even a take-home loot bag.

The organizers have thought about everything. They hope to sell 1,800 tickets and Hollend is delighted to add that "we are well on the way. And I invite the community to support our efforts to raise more than a quarter of a million dollars to help fight cancer."

Tickets are available by calling 368-ROCK. Every dollar raised will go to cancer research and you will receive a tax deductible receipt for $150 for each ticket.

Hollend says that the Friends of Mount Sinai Hospital has attracted many first-time corporate donors as well as previously unaffiliated volunteers. "This project will not only benefit cancer research, but will benefit our community through these wonderful workers."

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Oberson celebrates first anniversary

By
VIVIEN SHARON

Gideon Oberson, the internationally acclaimed Israeli designer, celebrated his first anniversary in Canada with a preview of his fall 87 collection.

The fashion show, held on two consecutive afternoons at the designer's Yorkville Ave. boutique, featured 36 different looks, from the sleekly sportive to the rarified opulence of his evening wear.

The more than 50 people who attended each show were treated to champagne and hors d'oeuvres in the elegant setting of marble and mirrors against a monochrome background.

On view was Oberson's couture collection, designed to make women feel like women. His fashions are of the highest quality and of original design, reflecting his love of style and luxury.

Two major trends were apparent — short, body-close, sexy designs created for suits and evening wear, and longer, more romantic looks expressed in his sportswear.

Oberson's favorite colors for fall featured black, gray, brown, and eggshell, usually sparked with lame, lurex, and sequinned effects. For evening wear, black shot with neon brights were prevalent. Shocking pink, yellow gold, bright turquoise and strawberry red were also designer favorites.

His choice of fabrics was in one word "opulent." Unexpected combinations included tufted silk laces, taffeta lame and moire, sporty quilts studded with sequins, jacquard, leather, vinyl, velvet, and exquisite embroideries from Switzerland.

A showstopper was the final 2-piece pant ensemble, the jacket set in gold and black taffeta lame and moire; it was opulence personified.

Skirt lengths ranged from the long and flowing to the omnipresent balloon skirt gracing the knee. Pants were generous and smoothly cut, with flat front pleat panels that flatter the figure.

Oberson's 24-year-old daughter, Karen, a key figure in her father's business, was on hand for both shows. She came especially from Israel to oversee the event.

"My father is a true original as are his designs. They are for the fashion-conscious woman who is elegant and secure in her own look," says a tanned and fit Karen Oberson, who was wearing a soft oatmeal jacket and crisp black silk pants.

Mira Kohn, owner of the Oberson boutique, feels his choice and mixtures of fabric are unusual. "Every item is made in Israel and is stitched to perfection with great detail," she says.

Internationally known for his exotic swimwear, Oberson has been designing a couture collection for some 20 years.

Before the opening of the Toronto boutique in partnership with his sister-in-law Mira Kohn, Oberson's talent as a clothing designer was known to a select few who frequented his boutique in Israel.

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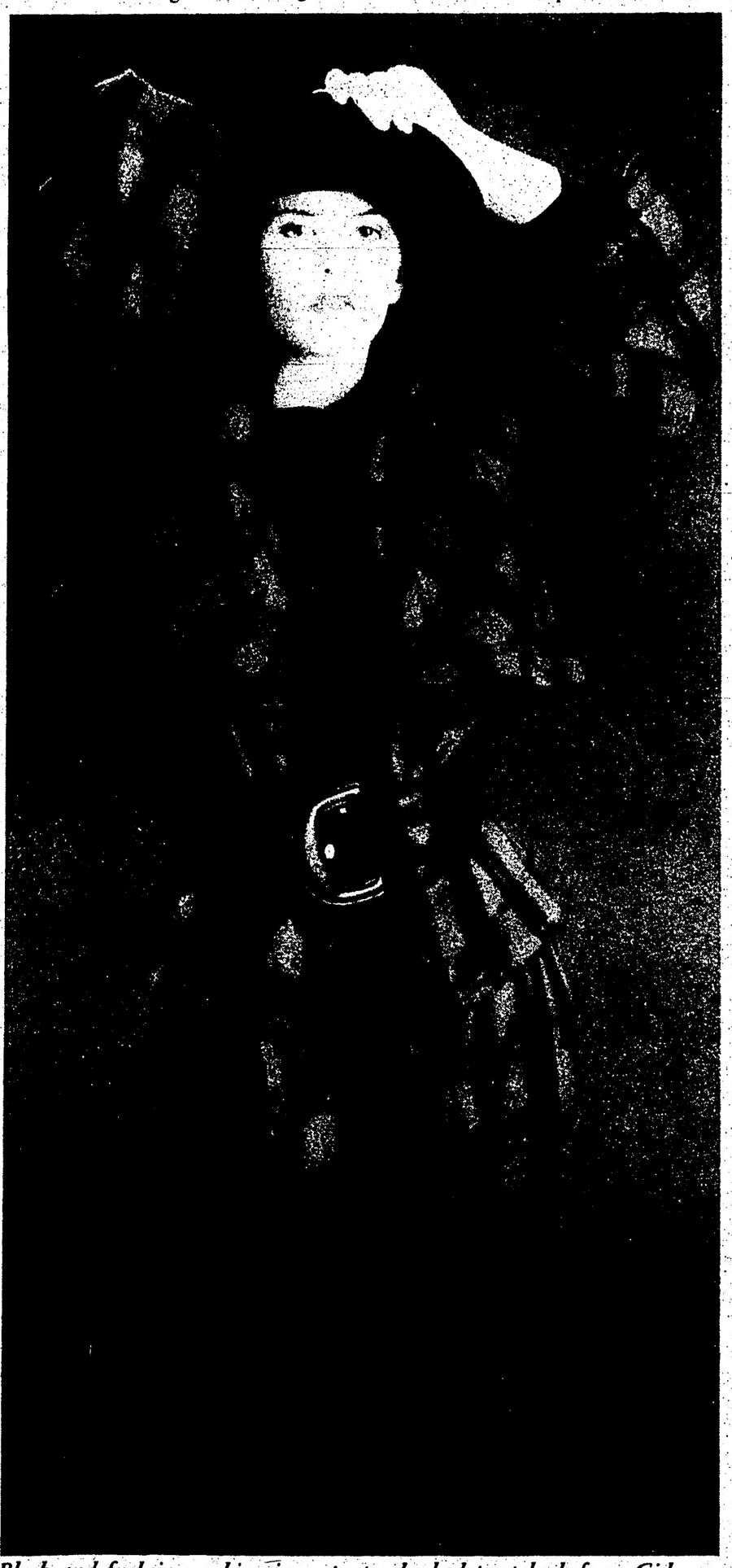

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The silhouette focuses on a more streamlined, body-defined shape than in previous seasons. Shoulders are remaining padded, but they're softened and curved to the body. Almost all skirt and dress lengths are popular this year. Addition-Elle has opted for the longer, more slimming lengths. The trouser is the pant shape for fall.

Colors for the season are as luxurious as the fabrics. Anchor colors are charcoal and/or heather gray. Black and off-white remain strong this year. The newest and most sophisticated addition to the color scheme is navy and tobacco.

Highlight colors for the season include jewel tones of teal, turquoise, jade, purple-blue and red, to accent the neutral shades. Khaki, taupe and biscuit remain strong, supporting the animal and skin print stories.

Softer shades of pink, blue, light gray and sage green offer a new palette and act as transition color into winter. Metallic accents of bronze and copper play an important role in trims, prints and yarns.

Addition-Elle has simplified the new fashion season with fashion themes for fall:

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Give your body a treat

By
JAYE KORNBLUM

Everywhere you look, all you see is legs — great legs. It was one of the steamiest summers in history and women had to show their legs — it was a matter of simple survival. And now that fall is here, it seemed as if it was all over.

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Fashion

Elegance is a key phrase

There's a style to suit every woman's taste this fall

The subtlety of silhouette has taken the fashion capitals by storm, making "simplicity" and "elegance" key phrases of the season. Leathers and suedes, fabulous furs, and fabulously faked furs and animal prints, add an abundance of luxury.

According to Simpsons' corporate fashion director Jan Hill, this new season offers an abundance of fashion alternatives.

There is no one right length of skirt, no one right height of heel. As New York designers show the highest heels and sheerest hosiery with shortened skirt lengths, their European counterparts provide the alternative solution to thigh-high dressing with the flattest shoes and opaque tights.

The season is a celebration of fashion moods and fashionable alternatives.

Hill adds that menswear also reflects the discreet softening of the fashion silhouette. "Modified by the use of refined fabric and texture, we see the emergence of subtle draping. This year's elegant return to refined sensibilities of color, texture and form predicates a new dimension to both business and casual attire for men."

At Simpsons, this season signals a provocative new look in fashion that offers the sophisticated customer a variety of tactile fabrics, intelligent silhouettes and unmatched elegance.

Shape — A new-found softness defines a more natural shoulderline, and directs a definite emphasis to hips and legs as fashionable hemlines continue to move ever higher.

Silhouette — The "fit and flare" of long jackets over short skirts and of the new short jackets paired with long, fluid skirts or pants dictates a new fashion proportion — reinforced with bottom line interest, as tiered skirts and dresses give the newest silhouette a bell-shaped definition.

Detail — Almost more important than the "looks" of this season — with body interest travelling between hip emphasis, tightly cinched waists, and the new softness of draped, wrapped tops.

All emphasize the detail of shape, as well as texture.

Color — Fall form is emphasized again by the wealth of luxurious color evident. Browns, that range from the dark, rich tones of tobacco and cognac, to the classic, natural shadings of vicuna and camelshair, are worn for impact, head-to-toe. For variety, mixed with navy, taupe or black.

Ink navy — on its own or combined with neutrals — is the season's headturner, a strong alternative to fashion's favorite, black.

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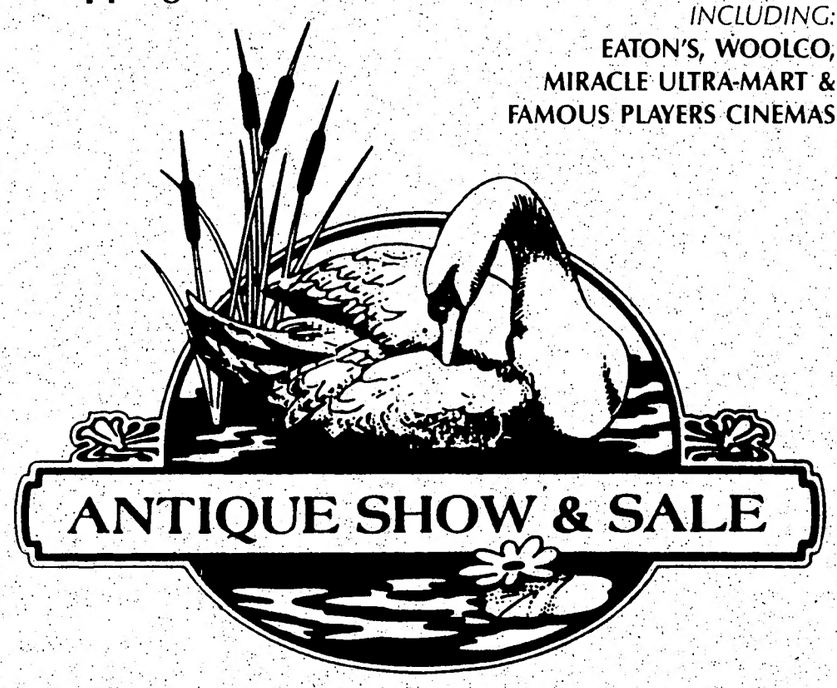

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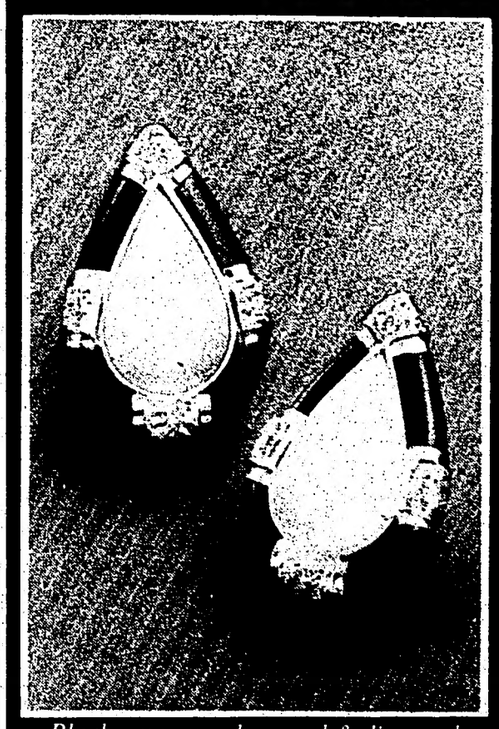

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Arts

Gallery Gatherings

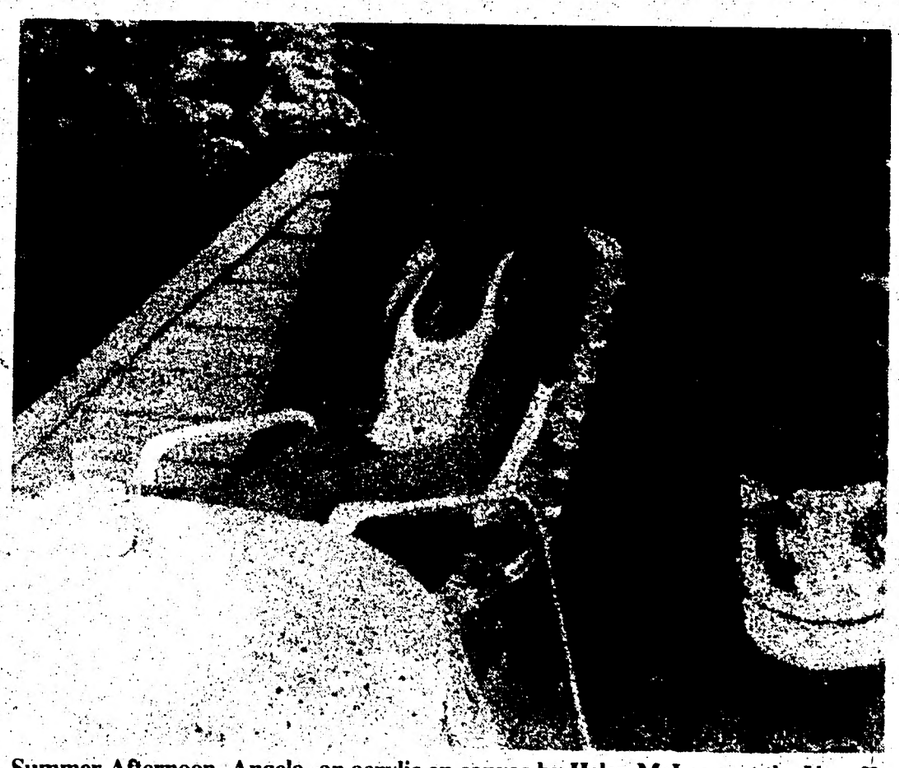
AGO stages memorial exhibition of Moore's work

Art Gallery of Ontario: *The Glory of the Page: Medieval and Renaissance Illuminated Manuscripts from Glasgow University Library* is a collection of 9th-16th century illuminated manuscripts and printed books in the Sam and Ayala Zacks Wing of the AGO Oct. 16-Jan. 3. *Viewpoints: Approaches to Contemporary Art* continuing until Nov. 22, showcases works revealing diversity in today's artistic expression and in viewer understanding. *Alex Colville: The Dow Gift*, on exhibition until Nov. 15, is a collection of 27 items including preparatory sketches for some of the artist's best known paintings, donated by art historian Helen Dow. *Henry Moore Remembered*, on display until Feb. 7, is a memorial exhibition of the sculptor's works from the AGO's permanent collection. 317 Dundas St. W., 977-0414.

A Show of Hands: An Overview of Crafts from Canada's Smallest Province, opens Nov. 3 and runs until Nov. 21. 1947 Avenue Rd. (entrance on Felbrigg), 782-1696 or 782-9384.

Bau-Xi Gallery: Oct. 6-24, Brian Kipping; Oct. 27-Nov. 14, Sydney Drum. 340 Dundas St. W., 977-0600. **Bonnie Kagan Gallery:** *Canvases and Works on Paper* by J. Lynn Campbell, Oct. 10-Nov. 5. 80 Spadina Ave., Suite 304, 364-6181.

Civic Garden Centre Gallery: *A Celebration of Quilts II*, is an exhibition of contemporary and traditional works by guild members and other artists from across Canada, Oct. 8-11. 777 Lawrence Ave. E.; for information phone 483-1258.



Summer Afternoon, Angela, an acrylic on canvas by Helen McLean, at the Yaneff Gallery.

Evelyn Aimis Fine Art: Drawings, graphics and photo collage by David Hockney, until Oct. 22. Recent paintings by Andreas Weishaupt, Oct. 25-Nov. 12. 14 Hazelton Ave., 961-0878.

First Impressions Gallery: *5th Anniversary Show*, lithographs, serigraphs and etchings by international and Canadian artists, continues to Oct. 25, 334 Dundas St. W., 591-8461.

Galerie Dresdnere: Paintings and watercolors by Antoine Prevost, Oct. 9-22. 12 Hazelton Ave., 923-4662.

Galerie Evan: *Another Side to Soviet Art* which concentrates on art for art's sake, is a show of works by five contemporary Soviet artists: Simone Faibisovich, Erik Bulatov, Oleg Vassilyev, Andre Abramov and Boris Kocheishvili. This is a first exhibit in Canada for these artists. On view until Oct. 15. 150 Bloor St. W., Renaissance Plaza, 323-3173.

Gallery Moos: Paintings, abstracts on canvas by Robert Scott, to Oct. 14. Landscape acrylics by John McKee, Oct. 17-Nov. 1, 136 Yorkville, 922-0627.

George R. Gardiner Museum of Ceramic Art: *Italian Renaissance Maiolicica*, examples of vividly colored 15th and 16th century painted ceramics made in Italy, from The Corcoran Gallery of Art in Washington, may be seen until Nov. 15, 111 Queen's Park, 593-9300.

Gibson House Gallery: Oil paintings and watercolors, landscapes and old houses by George Gibson, 5172 Yonge St., 225-0146.

Harbourfront Art Gallery: On display in The Power Plant, *The Architecture of Frank Gehry*, two decades of the noted architect's most important works, to Oct. 14, 231 Queen's Quay W. In the Community Gallery, *Actions: Impression* a collection by Quebec and Ontario printmakers, until Oct. 18, 235 Queen's Quay W. 973-4949. (The gallery is looking for volunteer guides.)

The Jewish Museum: *Women of Valor*, an exhibition of over 200 photographs celebrating the 75th anniversary of Hadassah, on display through Dec. 1, 1109 Fifth Ave., New York, [212] 860-1888.

Justina M. Barnicke Gallery: *The Campus in the Nineteenth Century* traces the early development of the University of Toronto through architectural drawings and archival photographs. Oct. 15-Nov. 12, Hart House, University of Toronto, 978-8398.

Karney Daniels Gallery: Oils by Canadian impressionist, T.K. Thomas, until Oct. 27; Watercolors by O. Timmas, Oct. 29-Nov. 17.

Koffler Gallery: *Robin Hopper, Ceramic Explorations 1957-1987*, Oct. 6-Nov. 25, 4588 Bathurst St., 636-2145.

Marianne Friedland Gallery Ltd.: New drawings by Philip Pearlstein, Oct. 17-Nov. 4. 122 Scollard St., 961-4900.

McMichael Canadian Collection: *Lismer: The Great War*, drawings and lithographs, opens Oct. 18. Islington Ave. Kleinburg, 893-1121.

North York Central Library Gallery: *Tell It To the Children* is a display of paintings by children ages 4-12, the sons and daughters of Soviet Refuseniks, often revealing responses to their special situations. Oct. 18-Nov. 1, 5120 Yonge St.

Royal Ontario Museum: Among works to be auctioned Oct. 15 in a special fund-raiser for the ROM are Norval Morriseau's Birds and Fish, David Milne's Temagami, drawings by Arthur Lismer, A.J. Casson's Beaver Meadow near Foymount plus prints by Bateman, Audubon and Loates. 100 Queen's Park Cres., 586-5549.

Ruby-Fiorino Gallery: *Soft Visions*, watercolors and oils by Susanna Samanek, Oct. 8-Nov. 8, 1020 Queen St. W., 533-4285.

Valhalla Inn Art Gallery: *Under the Sea*, oil and acrylic paintings by Laurence Cherniak, continues to Oct. 29, Hwy. 427 and Burnhamthorpe Rd. exit; for information phone 633-1100.

Yaneff Gallery: Solo exhibition of paintings by Helen McLean, on view until Oct. 24, 119 Isabella St., 924-6677.

Ydessa Gallery: A major showing of large scale photo works by Astrid Klein, some recently displayed at Documenta 8 in Kassel, West Germany. Oct. 17-Nov. 21, 334 Queen St. W., 593-1100.

"Woo Woo Kid's" saga caught Yanks' interest

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO —

Sonny Wisecarver is alive and well in California, a happily married 58-year-old businessman.

Forty three years ago, Wisecarver was known in the yellow press as "The Woo Woo Kid," coming by this moniker as a result of two illegal, ill-fated marriages he entered into at the tender age of 15.

It may be hard to understand why newspaper editors were so taken with his marital antics. Be that as it may, Wisecarver became a household name, if only momentarily, in a nation caught up in war.

Writer/director Phil Robinson has turned his story into a film, *In The Mood*, now playing at Cineplex Odeon theatres, resembles the affair itself. That is to say, it is slightly amusing, though hardly of any social or political significance.

In Robinson's hands, Wisecarver (Patrick Dempsey) emerges as a sweet, single-minded kid who opted for marriage to relieve the boredom in his life. He disliked school and seemed to think that marriage could solve his problems. A pea brain? Perhaps.

His first wife, Judy (Talia Balsam), was six years older and was the mother of two illegitimate children fathered by her common law husband, a coarse Italian national.

Despite their obvious age difference, she was attracted to Wisecarver. He was kind and appeared to offer her a better deal than her Italian lover.

Wisecarver's union with Judy was of a very short duration. After a fleeting honeymoon, the police caught up with the pair and a judge anulled the marriage. Judy was charged with "felony child abduction" and Wisecarver was sent to a reformatory.

Undeterred, he was back in business shortly after meeting — and marrying — 25-year-old Francine (Beverley D'Angelo), the wife of a Marine.

By now, editors across the country were hot on his trail, and Wisecarver's picture appeared next to important stories about the war in Europe and the Pacific. So much for their news judgment!

The makers of *In The Mood* are just as fascinated by Wisecarver. Their adaptation of his escapades is professional enough, but who really cares?

The saga of Sonny Wisecarver would have been best left forgotten.

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Arts

Documentary on Holocaust premieres at YMCA

By
BRUCE PARKINSON

TORONTO —

To belong to the Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA) today you don't have to be young, you don't have to be a man and you don't have to be a Christian, says Canadian filmmaker Harry Rasky.

Speaking at the premiere of his documentary on the Holocaust, To Mend the World, held at the Metro Central YMCA, Rasky, a 35-year Y member, called the group "an association of like-minded people who hope to improve the species."

Rasky recounted the story of when he received by mail a copy of his entry in Who's Who in America for update and correction.

As well as listing the many achievements and accolades he has garnered during his career, the entry listed under Other Activities, "Jewish clubs; YMCA." "I thought of putting through a correction — but decided there was nothing to correct," Rasky said.

John Joyce, general manager for the Metro-Central Y said the organization's goal today is "to be a focal point for the downtown community."

Along with the many recreational and fitness facilities, house leagues and clubs, the Y presents jazz groups and chamber music concerts, lecture series and films.

To Mend the World is the second Rasky film to be premiered at the Y, his documentary biopgraphy of photographer Yousuf Karsh was the first.

Introducing his film, Rasky said he was glad it was premiering at the YMCA, saying "I don't think the Holocaust is a Jewish problem. I never have.

"There is only one God," he said. "It's we who try to make him less than universal."

To Mend the World, which was made for the CBC, looks at the Holocaust through the works of artists who survived the prison camps, and the recollections of the artists and other survivors.

Rasky called making the film "maybe the most important experience of my 30 years of filmmaking."

He said that while it is difficult to confront the realities of the Holocaust, is has to be done.

"The very idea of man was burned at Auschwitz," Rasky said. "Without memory or art we would be without hope. This is a film about hope."

After the screening Rasky said he found the film doubly moving on this occasion because of the recent death of Nathan Rapoport, one of the artists featured in the film.

Rapoport passed away recently in New York — on the day To Mend the World was screened for him for the first time.

Rasky said Rapoport was a man driven by his commitment to be a witness to the Holocaust. "He was burning himself out trying to testify through his work."

Another prominent figure in the film, philosopher Emil Fackenheim, who taught in Toronto before making aliya, arrived from Jerusalem in time to answer questions from the audience after the screening.

To Mend the World was extremely difficult to make, Rasky said, as he had to wrestle with the moral dilemma of "leading people back into this terrible time — making them suffer again."

Ironically, Rasky said that after completing the film he was so drained he couldn't work for three months. As for the survivors who recounted their hellish experiences . . . "they felt better," Rasky said.

Thriller of the first rank

Gird your loins for Fatal Attraction

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO —

A time-honored dictum holds that hell hath no fury like a woman scorned.

In *Fatal Attraction*, this is frighteningly true.

Now playing at Famous Players theatres, *Fatal Attraction* is an immensely powerful thriller cum-horror film as well as a sensible cautionary tale.

It is one of those films that comes along once in a moon, a superbly crafted, well-acted, literate picture that keeps you pinned to your seat.

Let it be said from the outset that this is not a film for the weak or faint-hearted. You need a strong stomach and good nerves to withstand the assault that director Adrian Lyne has in store for you.

Dan Gallagher (Michael Douglas), a successful, happily married New York lawyer, meets Alex Forrest (Glenn Close), an unmarried senior editor, at a book launching.

There is a mutual attraction, though they hardly know each other. Business matters enable them to meet again briefly, and a rainy day leads to an impromptu chat in a restaurant.

Alex clearly lusts after Dan. But Dan, whose family is in the country for the weekend, holds back. After all, he loves his dutiful wife (Anne Archer) and their adorable 5-year-old daughter. Why rock the boat?

Nevertheless, Dan is ripe for a fling, a harmless one-night stand.

Alex and Dan have their night of wild, ecstatic passion. On the morning after the night before, Dan gets set to leave Alex's apartment, appropriately adjacent a slaughter house. Dan, having forthrightly explained his desire to preserve his marriage, thinks it's all over. But he's wrong. He's about to be enveloped in a veritable living nightmare.

Dan's life is thrown into utter chaos because Alex doesn't want to let go. She wants her man, and she will stop at nothing, including badgering, intimidation and even violence, to win him.

Fatal Attraction moves swiftly and inexorably toward its horrifying resolution. You have to gird your loins as the final showdown between Alex, Dan and his family grows ever closer.

Michael Douglas portrays Dan Gallagher, a happily married New York City attorney, and Glenn Close is Alex Forrest, an unmarried publishing executive, who seduces him in Fatal Attraction.

Michael Douglas, the spitting image of his father, Kirk, is unusually fine as a man caught up in an unbearable situation.

Glenn Close, one of the best female actors today, is a case study in schizophrenia. When she's in a rational mood, she's the epitome of soft feminine charm. But when madness seizes her, she's a steely monster on two feet. In short, her performance is a marvel, something to behold.

Fatal Attraction, which is propelled forward by a terrific script, takes some artistic liberties. So in order to appreciate it in all its dimensions, you have to be prepared to make allowances.

If you can manage a slight suspension of belief, you won't be disappointed. It is a crackling, steamy film, a thriller of the first rank.

Quebec film probes life at lowest level

TORONTO —

Un Zoo La Nuit (Night Zoo) is tough and diamond-hard.

If you're looking for 2 hours of innocuous entertainment, forget Jean-Claude Lauzon's film, now playing at Cineplex Odeon theatres.

Voted best picture at this year's Festival of Festivals, *Night Zoo*, is gritty and raw and street-wise. Pass it up if all you want is to be entertained.

In Lauzon's nether universe of crooked cops, mean streets and sinister hotels, life is reduced to its lowest common denominator — survival in a cruel world.

The Darwinian imperatives of *Night Zoo* surface immediately. In a Montreal jail, Marcel (Gilles Maheu), a petty criminal, is paid a visit by a fellow inmate, a hulk of a man who proceeds to rape him in front of the guard. Nasty and revolting, this graphic scene immediately establishes the tone and the texture of the film.

Marcel has been physically abused because he is in possession of a secret. Only he knows where $200,000 worth of drug money is stashed away. His pushers, two corrupt, violent-prone detectives, Georges (Lorne Brass) and Charlie (Germain House), are determined to lay their hands on the treasure trove.

After his release from prison, Marcel is kept busy fending them off. Georges, a crude homosexual, is particularly eager to settle accounts with him.

In the course of adjusting to the new set of circumstances facing him, Marcel attempts to renew a relationship with his girlfriend, Julie (Lynne Adams), a hooker, but he fails.

By far the best moments in *Night Zoo* revolve around Marcel's efforts to get to know his estranged father, Albert (Roger Le Bel). Lauzon, unfortunately refrains from explaining the cause of the rift, but Marcel's tender reconciliation with Albert more than compensates for this omission.

The performances, though largely low-key, are incredibly powerful. Le Bel, Maheu and Brass are especially effective.

Riveting to the last frame, *Night Zoo* is a tribute to Quebec cinema.

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Stratford offers unhurried pace, cosmopolitan sophistication

Spend a weekend in Canada's Shakespeare country

By
FRANK RASKY

STRATFORD — Now that the summer tourist rush is over, it's an ideal time to spend a leisurely autumnal weekend in Canada's own Shakespeare country.

I'm referring, of course, to Stratford, that onetime sleepy western Ontario town dozing beside those graceful white swans on the Avon River.

Well, it's sleepy no more, now that the world-renowned Stratford Festival of Shakespearean and other classical plays is celebrating its 35th anniversary. However, its unhurried rural pace coupled with its cosmopolitan sophistication add up to a winning holiday combination.

You can still catch six of its productions — *Cabaret, The Cherry Orchard, Norah* and Shakespeare'e *Othello, Much Ado About Nothing* and *Troilus And Cressida* — until the curtain comes down on the Festival's season on Nov. 1.

But theatre-going is not the only attraction to lure you to Stratford and its environs. There's a plenitude of delightful things to do and see and enjoy in Skakespeare country this fall.

Here's one man's personal guide to the best of its bounties available for pleasure-seekers intent on taking Shakespeare's advice in *As You Like It* to "Cheer thyself a little."

BEST PLAY: The laughs come fast and furious in *Much Ado About Nothing*, Shakespeare's witty battle-of-the-sexes comedy, starring Tandy Cronyn, Richard Monette, William Hutt and Anna-Louise Richardson. Tickets range from $7.50 to $28.50. You can telephone the box office free of a long-distance charge from Toronto at (416) 363-4471; otherwise it's (519) 273-1600. For a brochure write to Brochure: Festival Theatre, PO Box 520, Stratford N5A 6V2.

BEST SOURCE OF TOURIST INFORMATION: Get in touch with Leo Morningstar, the genial executive manager of the Stratford & Area Visitors' and Convention Bureau, 30 Albert St., Stratford N5A 3K3, (519) 271-5140.

BEST BARGAIN PLACE TO STAY: You might try bed and breakfast at a private residence. I did, and my bedroom was comfy, my hot breakfast served with lots of delicious fresh fruit, and my hosts congenial. A room without breakfast averages between $25 to $30.

The Festival's Accommodation Department, available via the same box office phone numbers above, will help you book a room.

BEST LUXURY PLACE TO STAY: It's the Westover Inn, a beautiful 22-room former seminary on a tree-shaded estate, built of limestone in 1867, which has recently undergone a $1.8 million facelift. Eileen Stuebing, a Winnipeg-born former hotelier with the Hyatt chain, has redecorated it in muted, elegant style.

Shakespeare's Much Ado About Nothing, featuring William Hutt and Anna Louise Richardson, is just one of the many tourist attractions of Stratford and its environs.

The dining room specialties of chef Stephen James, formerly with London's Dorchester Hotel, include a pea soup made from freshly picked peas and a sumptuous souffle with homemade ice cream that's out of this world. Including a continental breakfast, rooms begin at $79 in this secluded hideaway, a 20-minute drive from Stratford at 300 Thomas St. in the town of St. Marys (519) 284-2977.

BEST GOURMET CUISINE IN STRATFORD: It's a tossup. Number one, to my taste, is Rundle's Restaurant. Jim Morris, a Dubliner formerly with Winston's of Toronto, and Leo Baxter, a British-born Michelin chef, work out of a charmingly refurbished, 100-year-old riverside warehouse at 9 Cobourg St. (519) 271-6442.

Even the crunchy breadrolls are a culinary delight, and the crisp salads are divine. They also prepare, along with the appropriate utensils, fresh, succulent fare for picnics along the banks of the Avon.

A close runnerup is The Church Restaurant and Belfry Bar. Joseph Mandel, a veteran Jewish restaurateur, trained in the posh hotels of London, England, has revamped an 1874 church at the corner of Brunswick and Waterloo streets to create this airy and congenial temple of haute cuisine (519) 273-3424. The house specialty is a super-rich, super-creamy New Zealand dessert called the Pavlova which is truly Lucullan (and, alas, calorie-ridden).

BEST CHOCOLATE BUY: For years, my theatre-going trips to Stratford have been enhanced by the delectable, hand-dipped chocolate-coated peanut clusters I bought from chocolatier Olin Brown.

Regrettably, Brown has since passed on to candy heaven, but his noble art has been perpetuated by Rheo Thompson, his apprentice for a decade in the 1960s. If you're a chocoholic like me, you'll have yourself a great orgy with the chocolate-coated peanuts produced at Thompson's Candy Shop, 26 Brunswick St. They're sheer bliss.

BEST FREE GUIDED WALKING TOUR: Enlightening 1-hour strolls throughout Stratford are provided by volunteers who are members of the Avon Valley Historical Society (519) 273-3352. If you're lucky, as I was, you'll be shepherded around town by Betty Larkworthy, a history and architectural buff, who has been conducting tours for 10 years. She taught me how to distinguish between Stratford's chief architectural styles in the building of houses since it was founded as a city in 1885.

BEST ART GALLERY: It's The Gallery Stratford, 54 Romeo St. (519) 271-5271, where they've been showing *From Sketch To Stage*, a glorious exhibition of the festival's costumes and sketched designs. On display until Oct. 18. Also worth catching is *Sots Art*, an exhibit of paintings and sculpture by Soviet emigre artists.

QUAINTEST MUSEUM: It's the St. Marys District Museum, located in a 13-room limestone mansion built in the 1850s at 177 Church St. (519) 284-3556. A fascinating slide show informs you that the "Stone Town" of St. Marys, with its famous quarry converted into Canada's biggest natural outdoor swimming pool, was the home stamping ground of Prime Minister Arthur Meighen and department store tycoon Sir Timothy Eaton.

MOST CHARMING MUSEUM: It's the Ingersoll Cheese Factory And Historical Museum, located in the replica of a pioneer barn in the town of Ingersoll's Centennial Park on Highway 19, (519) 485-4930. Curator Shirley Lovell informs you that Ingersoll (pop. 8,400) was founded on the banks of the Thames River in 1790 by Thomas Ingersoll, father of Laura Secord and was the home of that sexy evangelical, Aimee Semple McPherson.

But it is best known as the onetime capital of Ontario's cheese-making industry in 1866, where The Big Cheese, a mammoth cheddar weighing 7,300 pounds, was manufactured and exhibited at world fairs in New York and Europe.

MOST BEAUTIFUL RELAXATION SPOT: It's the Shakespeare Gardens in a tranquil park at the foot of Ontario St. in Stratford. There's a Romeo and Juliet Balcony in a gazebo, a splendid statue of William Shakespeare sculpted by Canadian artist Cleeve Horne, and lovely gardens fragrant with the herbs, shrubs and flowers traditional since the days of Elizabethan England.

Shakespeare lovers will have a ball browsing at the signs for each plant which contain quotations from the Bard's plays. My two favorite cited *Hamlet* ("Here's rue for you and here's some for me") and *The Tempest* ("Where the bee sips, there suck I, in the cowslips' dell I lie").

Somehow both seemed to sum up best the enchantment of Canada's Shakespeare country.

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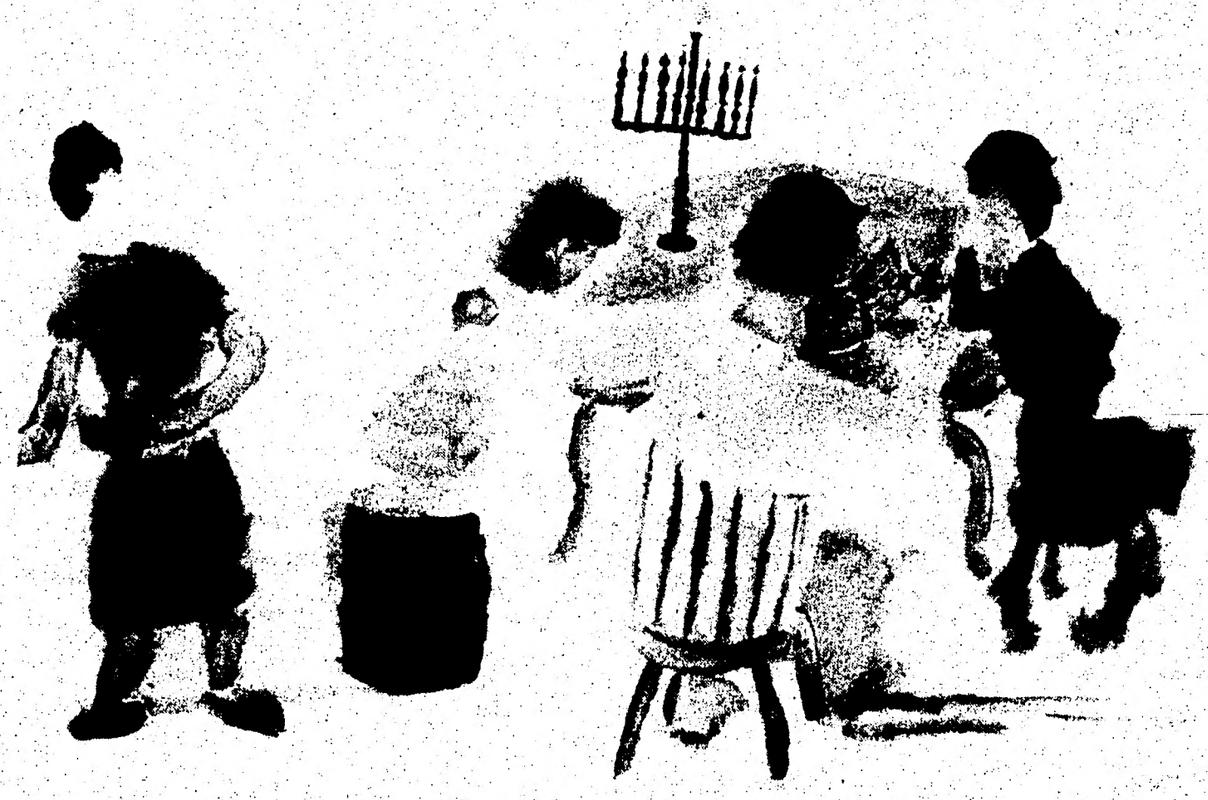
Show of watercolors comes to North York library

Judaic heritage alive in Refusenik children's art



And You Shall Tell Your Children...by Julia, aged 9, of Moscow.

By
MIRIAM CHINSKY

TORONTO —

When Avrom and Liv Siegel saw an exhibition of paintings by Soviet Refusenik children during a recent visit to Oslo, they realized that it was much more than simply a show of children's art.

Accompanying the pictures were actual case histories of four families whose children's work was represented plus other pertinent data. Overwhelmed, they felt compelled to have the display brought to Canada.

Longtime members of Toronto's Beth Tzedec Congregation, the Siegels enlisted the aid of their synagogue's Committee for Soviet Jewry together with Adath Israel Synagogue and Holy Blossom Temple, to co-sponsor the exhibition. In conjunction with the North York Library Board, a show will be held from Oct. 18 to Nov. 1 at the new North York Central Library on Yonge St. This location was chosen to attract a diverse audience, and it is expected that classes of school children will also attend.

The exhibition will be mounted again in May at Harbourfront's York Quay Art Gallery to coincide with the annual Children's Festival. In the meantime, it will be travelling in Canada and the U.S.

The 51 watercolor paintings by youngsters aged 4-12, whose parents have been denied the right to emigrate, express many thoughts and feelings. Subject matter is varied, including ballerina, animal and biblical themes.

Warmth and a feeling of continuity reach out from a family scene entitled, And You Shall Tell Your Children (Exodus 13.8) by a 9-year-old girl from Moscow called Julia. Here a father is seated at a table with an open book in front of him, his son and daughter on each side, their mother standing by. A lighted menorah glows on the table.

In contrast is Departure, which depicts three children with arms desperately outstretched toward a group of people leaning from a train window.

Another picture shows the Children of Israel with their animals, about to pass through a gate and enter the Promised Land.

Included in the display is a translation of a letter sent to Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev by a little girl whose picture is among those on view. Here it is in part:

"My grandparents are very old but I have never seen them and miss them very much. They live in Israel but we are not allowed to go there.

"We are told that many years before I was born, my father knew some state secrets. But I don't know any secrets. Why cannot I go to see them for a short time? Can it really be true that it is so dangerous for the USSR if we live together in Israel?

"I hear that you are a very kind grandfather. You also have a granddaughter and you spend a lot of time with her. And I cannot even see my grandparents. I am so eager to hug and kiss them. Please, help me!"

Exhibition hours at the North York Public Library, 5120 Yonge St. are Monday to Thursday, 9 a.m.-8 p.m.; Friday, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday, 1-5 p.m.)

Gallery owner thanks Gorbachev

Soviet exhibit shuns politics

By
BELINDA SILBERMAN

TORONTO —

A premier exhibit and sale here of apolitical Soviet paintings features the work of three Jewish artists.

The paintings — by Moscow self-taught artists Simone Faibisovich, 38, Oleg Vassilyev, 39, and Andre Abramov, 48 — are on display at Galerie Evan in Yorkville until Oct. 15.

Gallery owner Marc Evan Cohen says it's the first time such work — which also includes the canvasses of two non-Jewish Moscow artists — has been shown in Canada, and the second time in North America.

It has been allowed out of Russia as a result of Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev's recent glasnost policy of "openness," permitting increased cultural exchanges.

Instead of serving the state, the art moves beyond politics examining "an area that's really stimulated by one's own soul — one's own energy," says Cohen, 24.

He describes the work of architect Faibisovich and draftsman Vassilyev as "expressive realism," while draftsman Abramov's paintings are considered to be folk art.

The canvasses — in an exhibit entitled Direct From Moscow — are unique because until recently Soviet artists were only permitted to create works of "socialist realism," an art form developed for what Cohen calls "propaganda purposes."

The style — the only accepted art mode since the early 1930s — emphasized the laborer and the Soviet government's socialist view of a political ideal. It was also the only art form allowed out of the country to be displayed in Western exhibits.

Under the state-controlled art policy, the work of non-conforming artists like Faibisovich, Vassilyev and Abramov was suppressed and even destroyed. The painters were also not recognized or accepted in the Soviet artists' union.

"We need to thank Mikhail Gorbachev for recognizing the strength of these artists' need to express themselves and allowing them the freedom to do so," Cohen says.

He says his showing — which also features the work of Moscow tradesman Boris Koscheishvili, 57, and architect Erik Bulatov, 38 — includes more than 2½ dozen canvasses, about half of which are still for sale.

Prices range from $1,200 to $85,000 and the artists, who haven't yet been able to visit North America, have already been paid for the work.

Cohen says the art offers "a whole insight into what's been going on the other side of the iron curtain.

"Much of the work shown before didn't deal with areas so strong and so close to the heart."

As the Exhibit draws to a close, Cohen is already planning the next art showing at his 9-month-old contemporary gallery. The exhibit — to run from Oct. 17 to Nov. 12 — will feature the work of Jewish U.S. artist Archie Rand.

Hours of the gallery, located northeast of Bloor St. and Avenue Rd. in the Renaissance Plaza, are Tuesday to Saturday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. or after hours by appointment only. For more information, call 323-3713.

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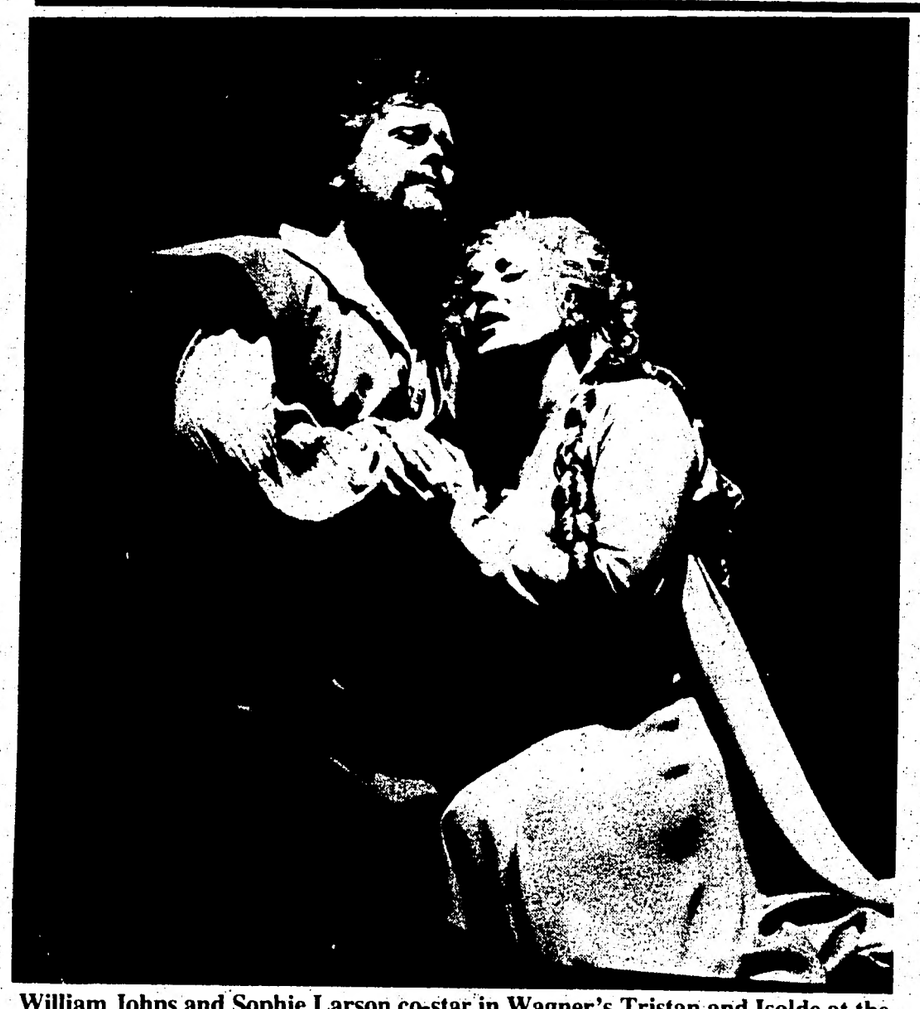

William Johns and Sophie Larson co-star in Wagner's Tristan and Isolde at the O'Keefe Centre.

Wagner love tragedy hurt by miscasting

By FRANK RASKY

TORONTO —

I have always objected to Israel's prohibition against playing the music of Richard Wagner on radio and TV.

This foolish censorship is based on the fact that the German composer (1813-1883) is said to have been the author of anti-semitic pamphlets which later influenced Hitler.

It's obviously foolish to ban the performance of the works of any musical artist merely because he was a dunderhead in his personal life. If we all followed that principle, we'd deprive ourselves of the creations of a whole range of composers, from Beethoven to Mozart, who were musical geniuses but intellectual idiots.

I thought of this odd personality split while listening to Wagner's controversial epic tragedy of two lovers, *Tristan und Isolde*, which the Canadian Opera Company is staging until Oct. 11 at the O'Keefe Centre.

His "music drama," as Wagner insisted on calling it, was beset with controversy even before it first opened in Munich in 1865. Indeed, the libretto he wrote was considered so unorthodox that the production was shelved after 77 days of rehearsal and was written off as impossible to do.

By a fluke, Ludwig II, the Mad King of Bavaria, stepped in as his patron, and the opera was finally performed and was received tumultuously — by cheers and jeers.

They cheered the music, which undoubtedly contains the most beautiful arias Wagner has composed, rightfully renowned until this day for their purity of tone and lyrical passion. It's music at its most erotic, wrote one noted critic, reflecting "a limitless lust, a ceaseless torment of desire, ever frustrated and never quenched."

But the audience booed the libretto, which is likewise unquestionably the most neurotic romantic twaddle that Wagner ever wrote. Over the years critics have condemned his text as "pompous balderdash" and "verbal spaghetti."

The German philosopher, Friedrich Wilhelm Nietzsche, confessed that as a youth, he was obsessed with the "shivery and sweet" philosophy expounded by *Tristan*. "It was like taking hashish to rid oneself of an intolerable pressure."

But when Nietzsche matured in age, he derided Wagner as a "Teutonic Melancholiac" whose operatic travesties glorified horned Vikings and bosomy Brunnhildes agonizing like mooncalfs in a sick "voluptuousness of hell."

Wagner based *Tristan und Isolde* on an ancient Celtic legend and was inspired by Buddhist theories, which gloomily equated love with death, happiness with darkness, and the ultimate serenity of Nirvana when humans have extinguished their libidinous desires.

This morbid philosophy is embodied by the star-crossed lovers. Tristan is a Cornish knight who has come to woo Isolde, an Irish princess, on behalf of his liege lord, the king of Cornwall. Frustrated by the bonds of chivalry and duty, the two secret lovers ultimately become soul mates after fulfilling a suicide pact.

Regrettably, director Lotfi Mansouri has marred his production of the Wagnerian love tragedy with a major miscasting. For the lead role of the heroic knight, he chose the Metropolitan Opera tenor William Johns, who is too short in stature — physically, vocally and theatrically — to handle the assignment.

Happily, though, Mansouri has redeemed the production by choosing two other stars. One is that veteran Wagnerian soprano, Sophia Larson, noted for her performance in the Peter Hall version of *Die Gotterdammerung* at Germany's annual Wagner Bayreuth Festival.

Larson is perhaps too long in the tooth to meet the requirements of the line, "Ah, Isolde! *Wie schoen bist du!*" ("How pretty you are!"). But she compensates for it with the right touch of imperious regality in the first act and is able to perform the taxing vocal athletics necessary in the meltingly lovely love-duet in the second act. She is almost as good as Flagstad or Birgit Nilsson who, in their prime, made the role their own.

The other star of the show is Annelies Corrodi, celebrated throughout Europe for her innovative scenic designs. She handpainted 81 scenic projections whose images of clouds and seascapes poetically evoke the changing emotions and moods of the characters and the lush and sensuous passages of music.

When it came to political ideas and racial prejudices, Wagner was definitely a nincompoop. But even Nietzsche conceded he was a "hypnotic" showman. The addle-headed composer would surely have loved the backdrop histrionics in this staging of his masterwork.

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New education direction urged

books

By BERNARD BASKIN

The Closing of the American Mind, by Allan Bloom. Musson Books, $18.95 U.S.

If there's one thing education does not lack today it is critics. There is much to be critical about. A university president declared recently that America is the "best half-educated country in the world." Some cynics have always believed that education is what remains when what has been learned is forgotten.

Allan Bloom, professor of political philosophy at the University of Chicago, is disenchanted and unhappy with the entire process of higher education. His hard-hitting, thoughtful, brilliant and witty description of rot and deterioration during the past 25 years is sub-titled: "How Higher Education Has Failed Democracy and Impoverished the Souls of Today's Students."

The author is disdainful of the concept of "openness" which is taught to students as a virtue. Unhappily, it leads to a pernicious relativism in "the face of various claims to truth and various ways of life and kinds of human beings." Students who are no longer sure about anything are cut off from a sense of relationship to a larger community and a set of traditions beyond themselves. Intellectually and morally stunted, unawakened to the "practice and taste for reading" of any depth or seriousness, students engage in harmless but trivial pursuits. Bereft of ideals or principles of lasting value they are tolerant of anything and committed to nothing.

Bloom believes that the failure of liberal education stems from the larger American culture with its emphasis on self-development over community obligation, its hostility to the values of the past, the blurring of differences between the sexes and the high incidence of divorce. The great classic books which have most to say about the human condition are neglected while the natural sciences reign supreme.

Some readers will regard the author as old-fashioned and unrealistic in his nostalgic regard for a kind of education that has had its day. They will be uncomfortable with his attack on the counter-culture of the 60s, his anti-feminism, and his denigration of affirmative action.

But the author is a fervid missionary for a necessary and new approach to education. "I have tried to provide the outline of an archeology of our souls as they are. We are like ignorant shepherds living on a site where great civilizations once flourished. The shepherds play with the fragments that pop up to the surface, having no notion of the beautiful structures of which they were once a part. All that is necessary is a careful excavation to provide them with life-enhancing models . . . . This is our educational crisis and opportunity. Western rationalism has culminated in a rejection of reason."

It is astonishing that this serious, closely reasoned and "difficult" book has become something of a best seller. Evidently there is widespread feeling in our culture that something is wrong with the educational process. Perhaps there is a need on every side for the kind of humility exhibited by Will Durant who said, "Sixty years ago I knew everything; now I know nothing; education is a progressive discovery of our own ignorance."

Downstairs Studio offers acting course

TORONTO —

The Downstairs Studio of acting begins its 1987/88 season on Oct. 17 at its location in Don Mills.

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TORONTO —

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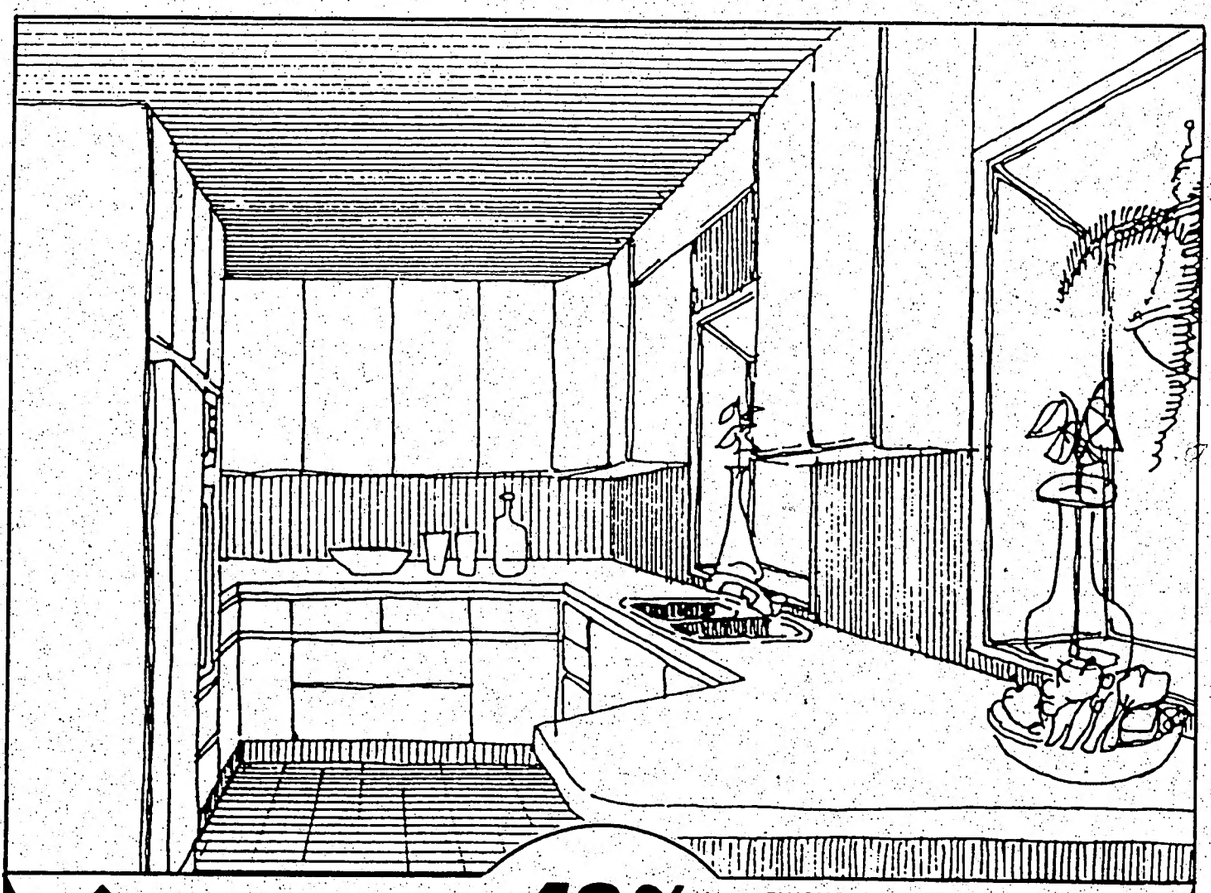
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Chrysler luxury impresses

Chrysler announces a distinguished new series of front-wheel-drive luxury sedans for 1988 — Chrysler Dynasty, Chrysler New Yorker and New Yorker Landau.

These longer, roomier, more luxurious 4-door models provide all of the features buyers of large sedans seek: formal appearance, confident performance, assured handling, quiet riding comfort, luxurious appointments and an array of convenience features.

Built on a 2,649 mm (104.3 inch) wheelbase, Chrysler Dynasty, New Yorker and New Yorker Landau provide ample seating for up to six people plus a 450.2-litre (15.9 cubic foot) luggage compartment.

Chrysler Dynasty has an overall length of 4,877 mm (192.0 inches). New Yorker and New Yorker Landau have an overall length of 4,918 mm (193.6 inches).

Standard engine in the Chrysler Dynasty is Chrysler's counterbalanced 2.5-litre 4-cylinder engine.

Optionally available in Dynasty and standard in New Yorker and New Yorker Landau is Chrysler's new 3.0-litre V-6 electronically fuel-injected engine which is coupled to a 3-speed automatic transaxle and fuel-conserving lock-up torque converter as standard.

The all-new Chrysler Dynasty sports a distinctive crossbar grille design flanked by aero style single halogen headlamp units. New Yorker and New Yorker Landau feature a classic "waterfall" grille flanked by concealed headlamps.

The windshield and rear window glass on all three models are flush-mounted to the smoothly-contoured body.

The windshield is raked to 58 degrees. Side windows are flush with the door frames.

The Chrysler Dynasty's tail lights span the full width of the car. New Yorker and New Yorker Landau feature tall, vertical tail lamps.

The premium New Yorker Landau is distinguished by its formal, padded vinyl landau roof.

Other key features are precision-feel power steering, specially-tuned suspension with new design struts and gas-charged shock absorbers, an automatic load-levelling system (standard on Landau), power front disc brakes and automatically adjustable rear drum brakes, or optional 4-wheel power disc brakes with anti-locking system.

Inspect under hood for trouble-free winter

The saying goes, "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure."

As the cold, wet weather of winter takes hold, your response to the wisdom of these words can make the difference between how reliable your car will be in meeting the challenges of the season.

One of the most important steps in your preventive maintenance regimen will be to trouble-shoot problems under the hood. Following the proceeding set of tips, you should be able to keep your car running well and on the road instead of in somebody's service station.

Many car owners are under the misconception that you can hurt the engine by starting it right away. However, this just isn't true.

The engine only needs a few seconds to steady and to circulate fluids such as the oil. As long as you are easy on the gas pedal during the first few minutes of driving, the engine should become warmer much faster than through idling. You will also save yourself a significant amount of gas in the process.

As the trend at gas stations moves toward more self-service, some car owners are neglecting the regular process of checking their oil. This can be extremely dangerous to your engine parts, especially during cold weather when they are subject to greater strain.

It would be ideal if you checked the oil level every time you visited the gas pump. Most car owners, however, do not follow this practice. Suffice it to say that the oil should be checked ast least once a week.

For cold weather driving you should be using multi-grade weight oils no lower than 10W-30. They are designed to remain thinner and circulate more easily. The frequency with which you change the oil will depend upon how often you drive, but keep in mind that you should put in a new oil filter every change.

One of the best ways to make sure your engine doesn't have problems during the winter is to keep a close eye on anti-freeze and other fluid levels (transmission, brakes, etc.). Depending upon how low temperatures generally go where you live, you will need a varying level of freeze resistance from your radiator fluid.

A simple hydrometer, which you can purchase for a couple of dollars at most retail chain or auto parts stores, will help you test existing resistance levels and give you a good indication of how much anti-freeze you need to add. To help make your radiator and heater more efficient, you should use a quality cooling system flush, such as "No. 7" One Step Cleaner, which will provide a simple, non-toxic means to thoroughly clean out rust and grease.

At the beginning of the winter you should also inspect your pressure cap to make sure it is in good condition and check all lines running to and from the radiator for leaks and ruptures. These problems could cause you to lose anti-freeze during the strains of winter driving.

Repeat the procedure again in a week. If a significant level of fluid is missing, you will probably need to add a quality "stop leak" product to your radiator.

Cold weather and dampness can sap the strength of the electrical system, so it is important to give this area of the car a good inspection at the beginning of the season.

Unless you have a maintenance-free battery, check the water level in your car battery every few weeks. Since battery acid is highly dangerous and volatile, take precautions to protect your skin and remove any objects such as cigarettes before taking off the vent caps and adding water.

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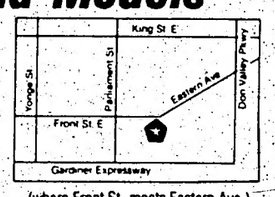

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Autumn means extra bargains on 1987 autos

When fall arrives, everyone's fancy turns to driving the best bargain off the car sales lot.

Whether people's lifestyles prefer a domestic car with the latest in North America technology or an exotic import that turns heads, it's an exciting, albeit confusing, venture confronting the row-upon-row of freshly minted cars in every color, shape, size and capability.

It's difficult trying to round up the car that best serves your lifestyle and pocketbook while sifting through the facts, figures and virtues of each car.

But armed with the facts, both new and seasoned buyers can take solace in the fact that autumn is the perfect time to buy a car, as surely as the leaves will continue to fall.

The car bargains may surprise you and make converts of those who otherwise wouldn't have considered purchasing a new car for another year.

One of the major advantages of taking a peek at next year's models today, apart from the excitement of having a sneak preview of what's to come, is that a purchaser can usually order the exact color and styling that he wants, and the desired engine size, not to mention the precise options that appeal to his needs.

Due to the fact that the auto manufacturers are just starting their production runs, the buyer can also make his own complete selection on what color, style and options that he fancies.

Unlike the peak car buying periods, the fall buyer doesn't have to compromise and accept what already has been sitting on the dealer's car lot.

On the other hand, selecting a car late in the production year can often mean a long wait or not being able to get exactly what you had hoped for.

The fanfare that accompanies the new car displays also offers early birds an opportunity to net some real bargains.

For instance, most auto dealers still have a good selection of 1987 cars in stock and for those with firm eyes on their pocketbooks, waiting until late in the 1987 season will pay off when they purchase a new car at a good price.

These would-be purchasers may have haunted the showrooms and car lots on weekends and after hours throughout the year, inspecting the gleaming 1987 models but unable to quite cough up enough cash to purchase one of the beauties.

Now's their chance to shine, since the new 1987 cars are likely to be bargain-priced.

In addition, it makes sense for car buyers to take a gander at the top-of-line 1987 cars that have very low mileage on them — those being the demonstrators or ones used by salespeople or executives of the car dealer — that now go on sale.

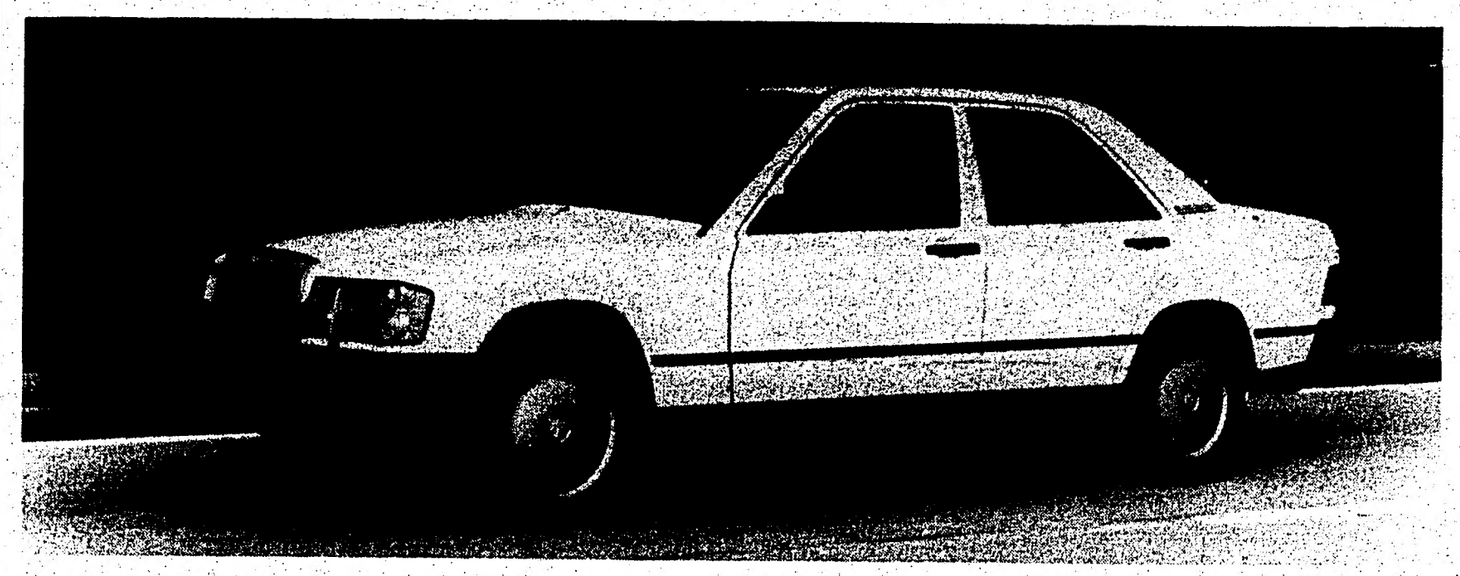
Surprisingly, these vehicles are usually in mint condition and have been faithfully serviced.

The dealers, of course, are now concentrating their energies on trying to move their new 1988 models and will be quite anxious to sell you a 1987 car.

For car purchasers who intend to keep their car for quite a few years, buying a new or demonstrator 1987 model car can mean driving away loaded up with expensive options on the car that he or she normally could not afford.

One may have to compromise on the color of the auto, but the bonus could be air conditioning.

And everyone knows that it's all those extras that truly make driving a fun cruise.



There are now two high-performance versions of the Mercedes-Benz 190 sport sedan. The new 190E 2.6 (top) and the limited-production 190E 2.3-16 (bottom). This is the time, say the experts, to get a good deal on 1987 cars.

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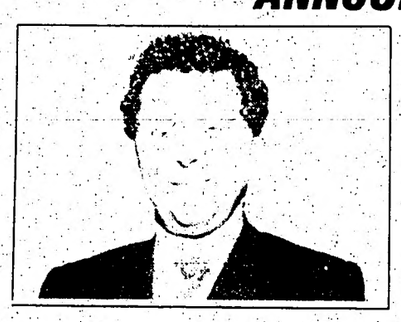

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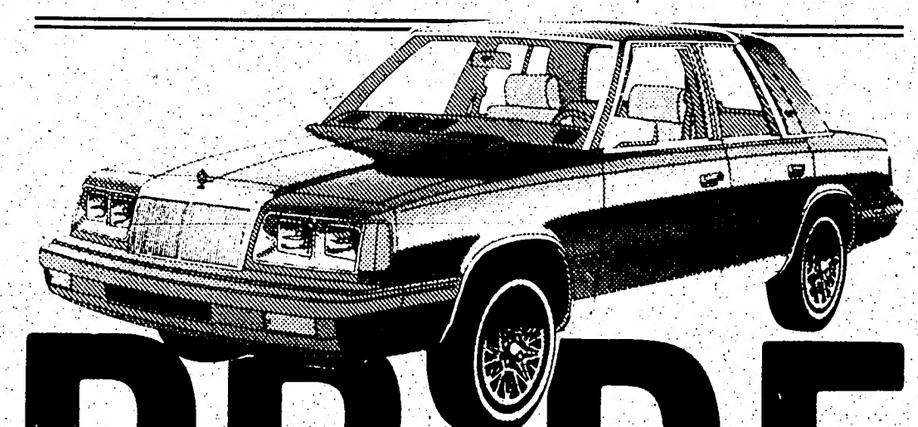

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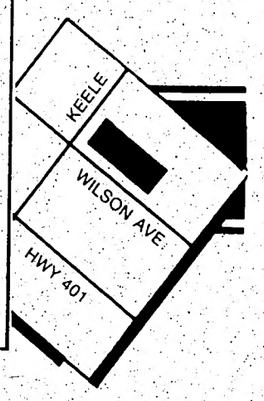

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New instrument panel, powertrain for 1988

Ford Tempo "refreshened" both inside and out

Tempo has a new look and a new feel for 1988 that translates into driving excitement for the compact car market.

Tempo, Canada's best-selling automobile for two years running, has undergone a major freshening program representing Ford's continued commitment to driver oriented value.

Tempo's new look starts on the outside, with exterior sheet metal sculpted into a unique silhouette with improved vehicle proportions for the L, GL, GLS, LX and All Wheel Drive 4-door models.

The 2-door Tempo features the L, GL, the sporty GLS, with rear decklid wrap-around spoiler, and the All Wheel Drive with "on demand" 4-wheel traction.

Tempo's new look doesn't stop on the outside. Inside, a new ergonomically-designed instrument panel makes fingertip control a reality.

New features include backlist cluster lighting with lighted pointers, an added temperature gauge and a new vacuum climate control head mounted on the instrument panel.

Tempo's new feel comes from a multiple-port electronic fuel injection system which has been added to both HSC and HSO versions of the 2.3-litre engine. Tempo's revised powertrain promises to pack more excitement under the hood.

In Canada, all Tempos are equipped with heavy duty batteries, rear window defrosters, tinted glass and bodyside mouldings.

Also, the All Wheel Drive model is available both as a 2-door and a 4-door (only a 4-door is offered in the U.S.).

Ford will continue to offer the Supplemental Driver Air Bag Restraint System that was introduced in Canada in March, 1987 as a regular production option.

Two exciting new models, major functional upgrades and fresh new appearances — inside and out — promise to make 1988 a big year for the Topaz 2- and 4-door sedans.

The fresh styling gives Topaz a bold new look — especially the 4-door.

While both body styles offer an all-new appearance from the windscreen forward, plus a new tail lamp treatment, the 4-door adds a sophisticated new silhouette achieved through new doors, rear quarter and a dramatic new roof/backlite treatment.

Two new models — the Topaz XR5 and Topaz LTS — further broaden the car line's appeal.

The XR5 is a 2-door aimed at the youthful performance enthusiast, while the LTS is a 4-door for the driving enthusiast who also wants performance but with a higher level of luxury.

Both new models feature the 2.3-litre high specific output (HSO) engine, sport suspension and cast aluminum wheels.

These new models, as well as the carryover Topaz L, GS and LS, are thoroughly differentiated through new, distinctly different interior treatments.

All 1988 Topaz models have an all-new instrument panel, featuring an attractive swept-away design for a feeling of greater spaciousness, and a new backlite cluster for easy readability.

In 1988, Ford's full-size LTD Crown Victoria/ Country Squire line-up is significantly freshened, yet retains its traditional roominess, comfort and versatility.

On the outside, there's a new grille and hood treatment, including a new hood ornament, "tucked-in" front and (except wagons) rear bumpers, wrap-around tail lamps and a new decklid which retains its low-liftover feature on sedans while adding a concealed lock cylinder behind the Ford oval.

Functional drip mouldings are incorporated for '88 in response to customer wants, and there are also new standard and wire-style wheel covers.

Moving to the inside, there are more modern instrument panel appliques and cluster graphics, front door-mounted map pockets, four new trim colors and a new seatbelt retractor system.

The interior also boasts richer LX seat trim, while last year's LX seats become this year's standard trim level (less seatback map pockets and rear centre armrest).

Restyled front- and rear-end treatments give the 1988 Grand Marquis a fresh, more contemporary appearance.

Limited edition Accord offers unique features

Honda has announced the addition of a new limited-edition model to its 1988 Accord lineup.

Called the Limited, this new Canadian-built Accord utilizes the same powertrain, chassis and body as the Accord LX, but comes with a lengthy list of standard features, including air conditioning.

"We plan to produce only 2,700 units of this new Limited model," said Ralph Luciw, senior vice-president national advertising of Honda Canada Inc.

"We feel that the combination of features that are included as standard equipment on this new Limited model is a package of features that will appeal to many Canadian motorists. With so many Accords on the road today, it also gives the purchaser the opportunity to have a unique combination of features that have not previously been available on an Accord in this country," Luciw added.

In addition to air conditioning, the new Accord Limited model comes with such standard features as: body-colored bumpers and door handles; AM/FM stereo radio/auto-reverse cassette player with Dolby, electronic tuning, tape music sensor and four speakers; power-operated windows, doorlocks, antenna and outside mirror; illuminated vanity mirror in passenger's sun visor; lockable, folding rear seatback with folding armrest, folding passenger assist handles above each passenger door; and pushbutton ventilation/heating controls.

Luciw said the new Accord Limited is being built at the Honda of Canada Mfg., Inc. plant near Alliston, Ont. It is available in five metallic colors, as well as Polar White.

The refined, richly appointed EXi 4-door sedan remains the ultimate Accord, but in 1988 is now even more distinctive.

Among its many new features are subtle body changes, 195/60R-14 Michelin tires, and a firmer suspension system with larger front and rear stabilizer bars for improved roadability.

Output of the 2.0-litre SOHC 12-valve engine with Programmed Fuel Injection (PGM-FI) is up 11% to 120 horsepower, thanks to a new dual-stage intake manifold, new "4-into-2-into-1" exhaust system, higher compression ratio and revised camshaft. The result is more top-end power with stronger mid-range torque.

As the Accord sedan for value-conscious buyers, the LX has never skimped on standard features or advanced technology.

Like all 1988 Accords, it now offers improved driving feel and reduced noise and vibration, thanks to stronger body-chassis side members, centre pillars, suspension mounting points and floor-pan.

It also boasts subtle refinements to its sleek, aerodynamic styling: new "directional" full-wheel covers and wide tail-lights.

Shared with other 1988 Accord sedans are new height-adjustable upper front seat belt anchors and seat-mounted inboard seat belt buckles for improved comfort.

Of course, the LX sedan retains its sophisticated yet practical design, with Honda's unique 4-wheel double-wishbone suspension and a 2.0-litre 12-valve SOHC engine that remains a model of smoothness and rugged dependability.

And it still has a host of standard features like cruise control and power steering that cost extra on many competitive models.

Sporty yet practical, the Hatchback S remains the most affordable model in the Accord lineup — and a long list of standard features makes its modest price all the more remarkable.

For 1988, the list is even longer. Like all 88 Accords, the Hatchback S model comes with standard roof-mounted passenger-assist handles to make it easier to enter and leave the car.

Three-point front seat belts are standard. New full wheel covers with a high-tech "directional" design enhance not only brake cooling — and hence braking efficiency — but also the Accord's appearance.

Thanks to subtle front-end styling refinements, the Accord Hatchback S takes on an even sportier look in 1988.

There's also a wider choice of colors — Polar White and Laguna Gold are the new additions — that have been expertly keyed to a new range of attractive interiors.

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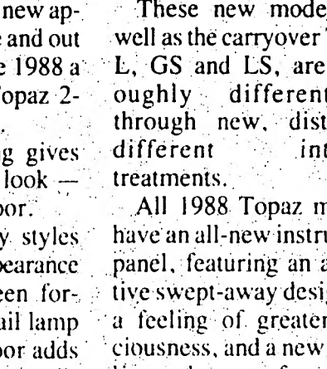
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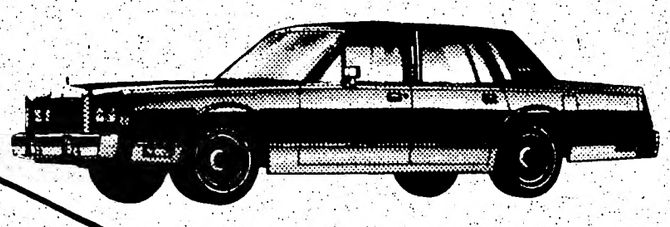

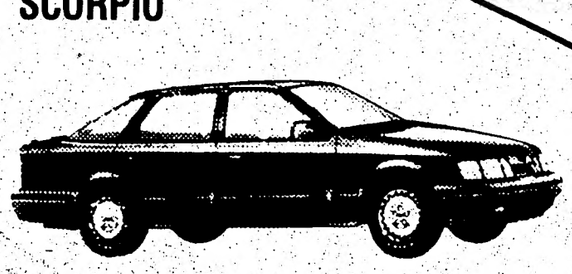

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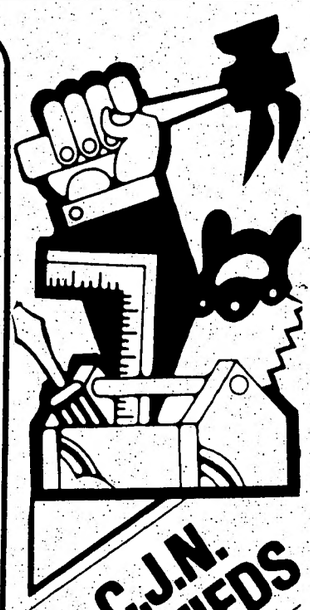

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The objective of the trips is to explore the rich Jewish heritage and presence in South America while taking in the other sights.

There are today more than 400,000 Jews in Brazil and Argentina, with a Jewish presence in the Southern Hemisphere that can be traced back more than 300 years.

The Jews who make up the bulk of the populations in these centres are descendants of more recent immigrants from Eastern Europe (Buenos Aires) and North Africa (Rio) who are eager for face to face meetings with fellow Jews from North America.

Accommodations are in top deluxe hotels and rates begin at $2,099 (U.S.) per person, double occupancy based on flights originating in New York. There are also departures from Miami and Los Angeles.

A parallel 10-day visit to Rio and Sao Paulo will feature bi-weekly departures from New York beginning Oct. 29. Rates start at $1,759 per person, double occupancy.

Both journeys to South America have been inaugurated by Arthur Berman, senior vice-president of Travel Impressions in response to Aerolineas Argentinas' recent promotional effort to urge the North American Jewish traveller to visit the large Jewish communities in the Southern Hemisphere.

In addition to visiting synagogues, Jewish clubs and organizations, participants will see the local sights in Buenos Aires such as the charming River Tigre, with its winding waterways. In Rio, visitors will gaze down at the ocean-side beauty of the city from the perspective of the Corcovado and Sugar Loaf mountains.

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Company offers 15-day package trips to Israel

TORONTO —
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Departure dates are Nov. 2, Nov. 30, Jan. 11 and Feb. 1. Add-on fares are applicable for departures from Toronto and other Canadian cities.

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In addition, Discovery Tours' group itineraries combining any of its destinations can be prepared to accommodate any special interest, pilgrimage or incentive requirements.

Further information may be obtained from local travel agents or call Discovery Tours at (416) 636-4727 or from Quebec/Ontario (800) 263-1414 or Canada-wide (800) 268-7960.

Jewish singles club sponsors European, Israeli guided tour

NEW YORK —
The first World Jewish Singles Club is committed to fighting assimilation on an international level and its founder, Mordecai Freedman, believed in bringing single Jewish people together in an atmosphere of intellect and fun.

It is a non-profit organization and operates under the name of Tan-Du which means bringing two bodies together.

It sponsored three tours this summer to Poland and Hungary for singles 25 to 45 and on Oct. 28 another tour for singles 45 plus will leave New York for a 19-day trip to Prague, Budapest and Israel.

The tour is a walk into past Jewish life and will visit shtetls, synagogues, community centres, cemeteries, monuments and concentration camps. It will include three nights in Prague, four nights in Budapest and 12 nights in Israel.

The last summer tour returned to New York recently and Gillie Jidron of Travel Magic agency pronounced it a great success. She said eight people, all between 25 and 45, proved to be compatible. Their trip included a cruise on the Danube and water sports on Lake Balaton.

The tour for the 45 and over group will be met in Israel by Tan-Du's founder, Freedman, who was the national director of the Institute for Students and Faculty of Israel in the U.S. (1982-85) and director of the Israel Forum in Tel Aviv, 1985-87.

A newsletter to be distributed internationally beginning in November is another project of the World Jewish Singles Club.

For the 45 and over tour, the cost is $1,149 for land arrangements and $899 air fare, from New York.

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Here's a few tips to make Big Apple holiday delicious

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

NEW YORK —

New York, New York, what a wonderful town.

The song writers who coined this phrase were not exaggerating.

New York, particularly Manhattan, is a great place to visit (though maybe not to live.)

The best way of exploring the Big Apple is by foot. But there are other means by which to discover the city whose heart never stops beating — by boat, by tour bus and from the observation galleries of New York's two tallest skyscrapers. First-time visitors are advised to take advantage of these facilities.

For a different view of the island of Manhattan, try *Circle Line's* 3-hour, 35-mile cruise leaving pier 83 from the west end of 42nd St. Cost is $12 for adults and $6 for children under 12. Tours extend from April until the last week of November.

The breezy tour is relaxing and informative, giving you a gull's eye look at the most teeming and sophisticated metropolis in the U.S.

You'll see the usual sights — the magnificent skyline of New York, 19 bridges ranging from the Brooklyn Bridge to the George Washington Bridge, the Hudson, East and Harlem rivers, the United Nations, Ellis Island and Gracie Mansion, home of Mayor Ed Koch.

The guide, a voluble, indefatigable fellow, points out less familiar points of interest — pier 76, where illegally parked cars are stored until claimed by their irate owners; Hoboken, NJ, where crooner Frank Sinatra was born; the 66-storey Gothic Woolworth Building, one of New York's first skyscrapers; the Colgate-Palmolive clock in Jersey City, supposedly the world's largest; the River House condominium where Henry Kissinger lives; the Brooklyn Navy Yards, the city's biggest employer during World War II, and Yeshiva University in Washington Heights.

Landlubbers should take *Gray Line's* $19 4-hour grand tour departing at 9 a.m. from the Gray Line terminal at 900 8th Ave., between 53rd and 54th Sts.

You'll see Times Square and the garment district, Greenwich Village, China Town and Little Italy, the financial district, the East Side, Park Ave., and Rockefeller Centre.

You'll go as far as 145th St. in Harlem, some of whose dilapidated buildings have been abandoned by their landlords. From Harlem, the bus travels south to Central Park, Columbia University, Riverside Drive, and Fifth Ave. There are stops at a Buddhist temple in China Town and St. John the Divine, the world's largest Gothic cathedral.

No visit to New York is complete without visits to the fabled Empire State Building and the much newer World Trade Centre.

Soaring 1,454 feet into the air, the Empire State is still one of the New York's most popular destinations. The views from the open air 86th floor observatory are stunning, and on a clear day you can see all the boroughs of the city.

At night, the views are just as spectacular.

The World Trade Centre, home to Manhattan's largest indoor shopping mall, rises 110 stories, making it higher than the Empire State but a little lower than Chicago's Sears Tower.

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Wind and weather permitting, you can reach even greater heights by taking the escalator to the 110th storey promenade, billed as the highest observation deck in the world.

Don't forget your camera!

One more thing: If you wander over to the McGraw-Hill Building, 1221 Avenue of the Americas, you'll be privy to what is called *The New York Experience*, a multi-screen 1-hour film that introduces you to the glitter and grime of the city.

It is a pretty candid movie and will help you understand the history and cultural complexity of New York. Admission is $4.50 for adults and $2.75 for children.

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Travel

At west coast of Vancouver Island

Picturesque Tofino offers access to whale watching

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TOFINO, BC —

If you take the ferry from Vancouver to Departure Bay on Vancouver Island, point your car towards the Pacific Rim Highway and drive for two hours, you'll eventually find yourself in Tofino, a picturesque fishing village on the island's west coast.

With a population of only a few hundred, swollen during the summer months by Asian fishermen who harvest the coast's rich Dungeness crab and salmon crops, Tofino remains by-and-large untouched by great numbers of tourists.

There's no hustle, no bustle, just the peacefulness and tranquility you can find in a village whose focal point is the dock and the weathered fishing boats tied up there.

Stand at dockside and peer out over the scene. With the wooden-hulled boats in the wharf in front of you, the dark blue of the water and the green hills of the coastline, you feel as if in the middle of a picture postcard.

Tucked in among the fishing trawlers at the 4th Street pier, almost indistinguishable from the other weathered vessels with their peeling paint and creaking hulls, is the "office" of Zodiac Whale Watching Expeditions.

The name says it all. For a $25 fee, you can don a Mustang life jacket and join about 10 other adventure-seekers heading out on a potentially exciting whale-watching expedition.

"Potentially," because there are no guarantees that the whales that were feeding yesterday or in the morning will be there when you arrive.

Pods of gray whales pass by the West Coast each summer on their annual migration from the Arctic seas to the lagoons of the Baja Peninsula in California.

To see these whales in their natural environment, you don't simply get into a comfortable cruise ship and meander to their feeding grounds for a look.

At least that's not the Tofino way. At Tofino, you've got to forsake the "DC-10" of boats and climb aboard a "Piper Cub." Actually the boat that transported us was a "zodiac," familiar to viewers of Jacques Cousteau films as the aluminum-hulled dinghy ringed with black pontoons.

The craft is extremely maneuverable and fast. You sit only two feet above the water line and as the vessel bounces out into the choppy open sea, you can feel the sea spray against your cheeks.

A warning to those with back or stomach problems. Once the zodiac clears the port area and swings into high gear, the boat's 30 mph speed magnifies each wave crest and valley, careening the boat like a ball. And you bounce with it, putting no small strain on your back.

We shared the zodiac with a family of six, and two of the younger children found the ocean voyage unsettling to their stomachs. Remember, you can't watch whales when you're leaning over the side.

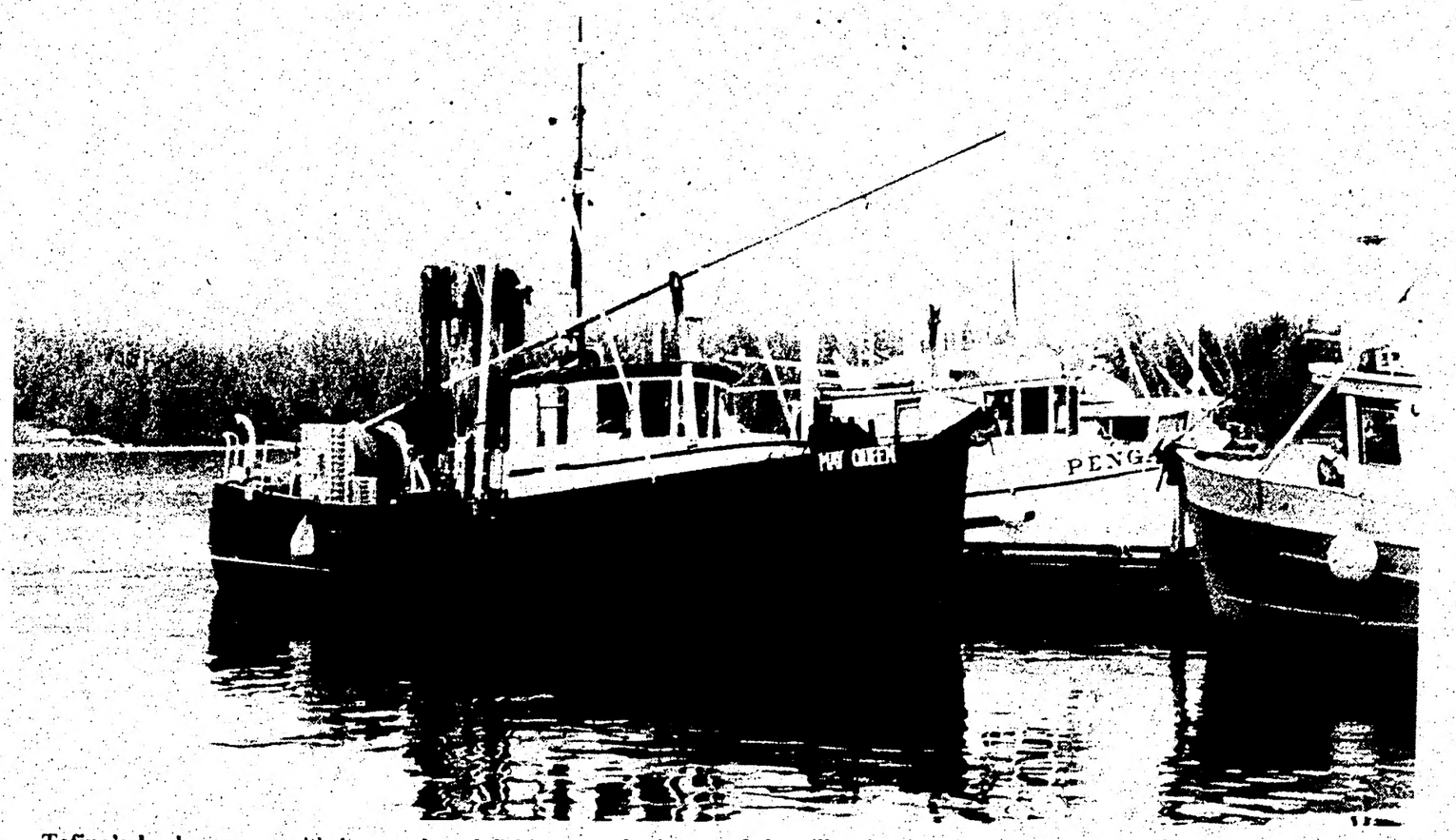
But the rewards usually make it worthwhile for most whale watchers. After cutting the engine at their known feeding ground, you wait. And wait. And watch for the fountain-like spray from the whale's blow hole on top of its head.

Whales can stay under water for considérable lengths of time, but when they surface the great curving back makes for an awesome sight. And although gray whales are not known for showing their tails, the one we saw did.

One gray whale came within about 60 metres of our boat, but more often it surfaced about 100-125 metres away, showing only its back and tail.

Back in Tofino, accommodations are readily available, as are meals of fresh salmon and other delicacies.

South of Tofino on the highway that runs along the coast to Ucluelet — another, larger fishing village — is the Pacific Rim National Park.



Tofino's harbor area, with its weathered fishing vessels, is one of the village's picturesque attractions. [Paul Lungen photo]

Inside the park are some high vantage points from which you can get a good view of the coast line and watch seals basking on rocky outcroppings.

Or you can roll up your pants and walk along a stretch of sand on Long Beach. Even in a foggy mist the shoreline, framed by coniferous trees to one side and the pounding surf on the other, makes for an impressive sight.

Camp sites are available in Pacific Rim Park, but for those who don't like to give up their luxuries, like a warm bed, there are plenty of hotels, lodges and bed and breakfasts in both Tofino and Ucluelet.

Ucluelet, an Indian name meaning safe harbor, is one of the stops on the Lady Rose's itinerary. The Lady Rose, a stout packed freighter built in Scotland in 1937, carries passengers daily from Port Alberni, in the Island's interior, down Alberni Inlet to Bamfield, through Broken Group Islands to Ucluelet.

Along the landlubbers' route, beautiful scenery marks the drive along the Pacific Rim highway that runs from the east coast to the west. Rolling green hills, steel-gray lakes and an untouched wilderness in the island interior make for beautiful views at each turn. One especially interesting stretch of road passes between huge redwood-like trees in Cathedral Grove.

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Business Outlook

Phosphate sales expected to soar 400%

Israeli firm looks to New Zealand for market

By
VIC ALHADEFF

SYDNEY, Australia — Israel's exports to New Zealand are set to rocket 400% to $35 million from $7 million annually due to a massive boost in sales of rock phosphates by Israel Chemicals Ltd.

This was disclosed by Yoram Ziv, president of ICL, one of Israel's largest industrial conglomerates with a turnover of $1 billion and the world's leading producer of bromine. The company controls 60% of world trade in bromine.

On a whirlwind tour of the South Pacific to expand ICL's already impressive scope of operations, the former director-general of Israel's ministry of industry, trade and tourism wrapped up the New Zealand deal on the eve of his return to Israel.

"ICL has already had a major impact on the American and European markets," he said in an interview. "We believe it is time to turn our attention to the South Pacific."

Just two months ago ICL built a $60 million, 18-kilometre conveyer belt, one of the longest in the world, to carry potash from the Dead Sea 400 metres below sea-level to the Shefa Plain, 400 metres above sea-level. From there, the potash is railed to bulk-cargo ships at Ashdod.

ICL's 26 subsidiary companies include the Dead Sea Works, which control 5% of the world's phosphate market; Negev Phosphates, which controls 30% of the European market; the Dead Sea Bromine Group, Timna Copper Mines in Eilat and Israel Desalination Engineering.

"ICL is one of Israel's major foreign-currency earners, with 87% of its billion-dollar turnover produced abroad or accruing from exports," Ziv said. "Its sales comprises more than 10% of Israel's industrial exports. In 1985-86 it returned a net profit of about $70 million, making it one of the most profitable companies in this field in the world."

Yoram Ziv

ICL has a fertilizer and bromine complex in Amsterdam, three fertilizer plants and a chemical complex in West Germany — all using Israeli raw materials — and subsidiary companies in the United States, Japan, France, South Africa, South America and Italy, with port and storage facilities around the world.

The company is currently developing pilot systems to examine the feasibility of producing energy and extracting oil from oil shale in the Negev. It has a research arm which develops new products and processes and industrial applications of existing products. A subsidiary called ICL Industries explores biotechnology, the electronic and metal industries, agrochemicals and chemical processes for the diagnosis of disease.

ICL employs 5,000 people in Israel and 2,000 abroad. Started 50 years ago by a Russian immigrant who foresaw the economic potential of bromine, fertilizer and potash, the company was named the Dead Sea Works in 1949. In 1967 Israel Chemicals came into being as a wholly owned government concern.

Today five million tons of potash, fertilizer and other raw materials are shipped out annually. ICL possesses the largest fleet of trucks in Israel, a phalanx of railway trucks and 50% of the Negev Star bulk-shipping line, the other 50% of which is owned by Zim.

Theodor Herzl predicted in his book Alteneuland that the Dead Sea with its raw materials would eventually prove to be one of Israel's greatest life-givers. ICL has translated the Zionist visionary's dream into financial reality.

Sadie Moranis opens new office in Richmond Hill

By
LEILA SPEISMAN

RICHMOND HILL — The newest branch of Sadie Moranis Ltd., Realtor was officially opened by Richmond Hill Mayor Al Duffy in a ribbon-cutting ceremony attended by over 100 realtors, bankers, lawyers, members of town council, and representatives of the Toronto and York Region Real Estate Boards.

Company president Sadie Moranis told the Canadian Jewish News that the new office, located at 10265 Yonge St. in Richmond Hill, is part of an ongoing expansion program, designed to locate offices where the firm does most business.

A branch on Main St. N. in Markham is expected to open later in October, and another is slated for the Rosedale area in 1988, she said.

"You have more credibility when people see your name right in the area where they want to buy," Moranis stated.

Her firm is noted, she said, for its personal service, and warm, efficient staff.

Stephen Moranis, executive vice-president of the firm, said that young families are moving north for the same reason they moved to the Bayview and York Mills areas not that many years ago — homes that are newer, larger, and less expensive. "We want to be a part of it all," he added.

The Richmond Hill office, managed by Chris Marsland, formerly of Royal LePage in Aurora, can accommodate a staff of 25 salespeople, while the Markham branch, which will be located in the historic "wedding cake house," will hold 30.

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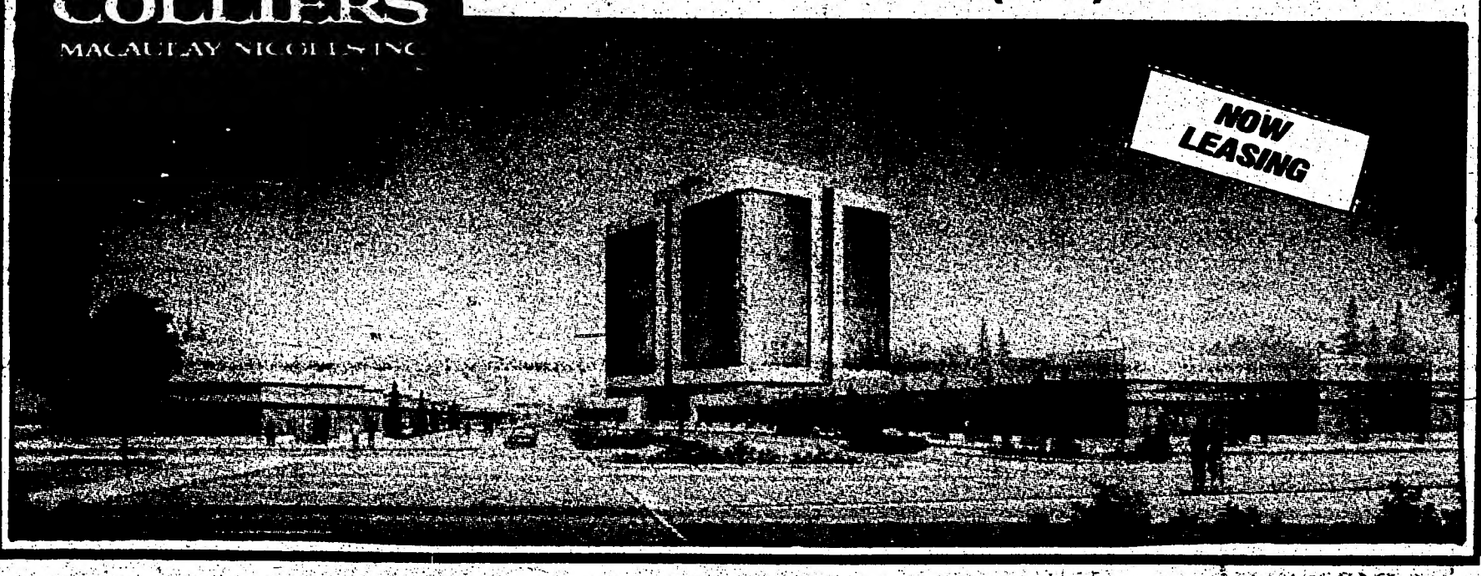

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Business Outlook

Young apparel retailer finds niche with Benetton

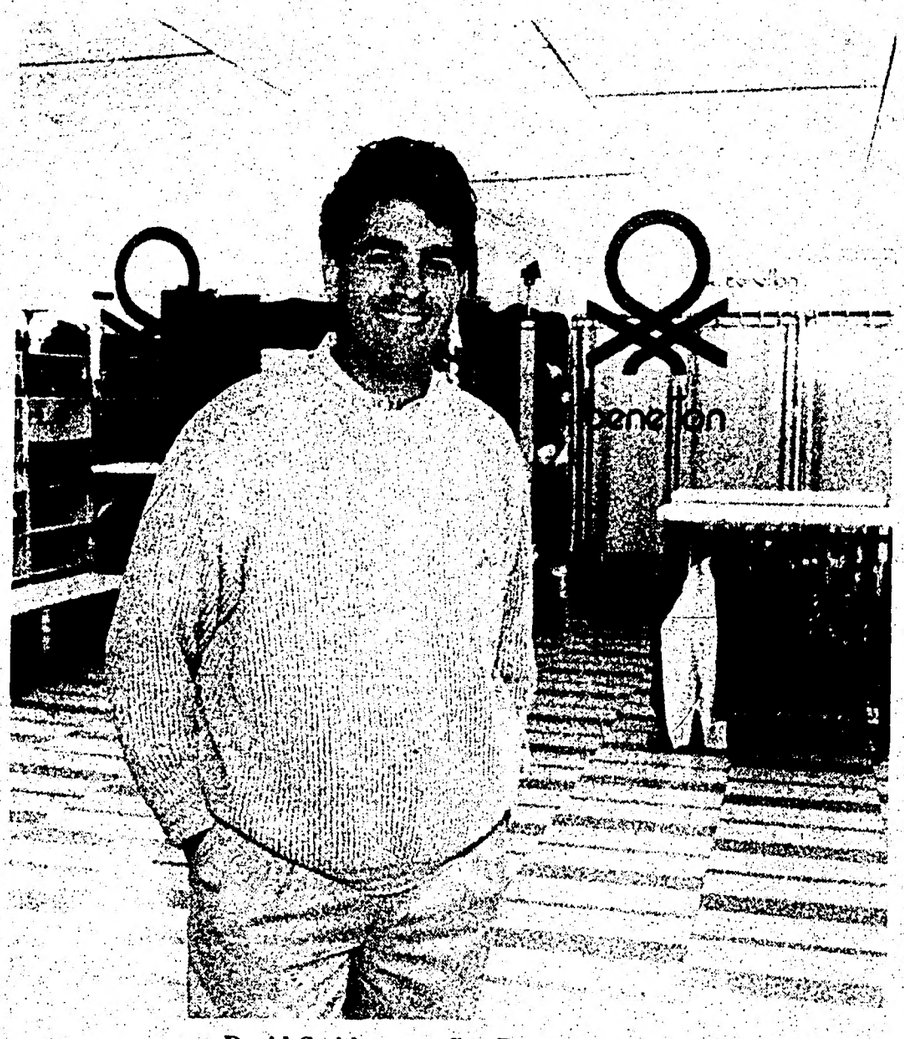
By
CYNTHIA GASNER

OTTAWA —
The shmatta business just isn't what it used to be.

Case-in-point: David Smith, a 24-year-old entrepreneur and owner of five stores in the rapidly expanding Italian-based Benetton empire which includes Benetton (knitwear casuals), 012 Benetton (for children), and Sisley, (a sophisticated line of casuals).

The personable young businessman who was raised in Toronto, embarked on his retail career in the Ottawa area where four of his stores are located. "I guess I've always gravitated towards retail sales," says Smith. "When I was 13, I worked in a record store, then a sporting goods store and a clothing store."

As a high school student, he operated his own successful pool service company. "And while I was at York University, I began looking for opportunities to get into my own retail business."



David Smith, owns five Benetton stores.

It was while Smith was visiting New York four years ago that he saw his first Benetton store. "I was instantly impressed with their excellent concept" and contacted the company official responsible for the Canadian market. "He encouraged me to look for a suitable location in Toronto."

It wasn't easy to find a good location, he recalls, and someone else was in there first. The pilot Benetton store in Canada was opened that year on Bloor St. W. But Smith didn't give up.

Shortly after, on a holiday in Europe, while he was in Italy he contacted the agent again. "He told me that at the moment there weren't any possibilities of opening a store in Toronto. He asked if I was interested in a location in Ottawa's new Rideau Centre which has 230 stores and is considered Ottawa's Eaton Centre."

In August of 1984, Smith opened Ottawa's first Benetton store which proved to be an instant success. Aggressively, he pursued other locations, and the following year he opened his second store in a mall in Ottawa's east end.

Within three years, he had opened three more stores — a Sisley store also located in the Rideau Centre, a Benetton store in Ottawa's West End on the 3rd floor of the expanded Bayshore Shopping Centre, and his first Toronto area location at the newly opened Promenade Mall.

This store, he notes, is a partnership with his sister Janice who operates and manages it. "Our family has always had an interest in retailing," he says. His father, Morton Smith, is a Toronto lawyer and his mother Carole owned and operated a retail women's clothing store.

Smith's youth and creativity reflects the runaway success of the company that was established in Italy 25 years ago by the four Benetton children — three brothers and a sister.

The textbook phenomenon, now studied in business schools, began when Giuliana Benetton, then a teenager, began making handknit sweaters and her brother Luciano delivered them on his bicycle.

Smith explains that it was Luciano who masterminded the expansion program for the Benetton family which now has more than 4,500 stores in 60 countries. "Benetton is Europe's largest clothing manufacturer and the world's largest consumer of wool in the garment sector."

The network of Benetton stores, adds Smith, even reaches into the East bloc countries with outlets in Budapest and Prague, and negotiations are proceeding with the Russians and Chinese.

One of the advantages of being associated with the Benettons, he notes, is that shopkeepers have "an amazingly close contact with the parent company." Through some 80 agents, the Benettons have established a system that closely monitors, by computers at their head offices in Italy, the image, window displays, stock management, and advertising of every store.

"I believe that Benetton's seasonal collections, which are designed and manufactured in Italy, set the standards for casual wear around the world," says Smith.

He believes that his success is based on his emphasis on service to the customer. "We spend a lot of time training our staff at our weekly meetings and there is a great line of communication between management and our sales personnel."

Working 12 to 14 hours a day, the soft-spoken businessman exudes his love of retailing and his optimism as he speaks of the company's diversification to children's wear and Sisley's "new and exciting concept" of sophisticated casuals for men and women.

And now, Smith points out, you can buy Benetton watches, sunglasses, fragrances and a new line of casual lingerie for women and underwear for men.

What's new for this season? He displays a warm smile and replies, "Dark and rich colors are in style this winter — similar to the late 1950s. And for next spring and summer, the collection can be described as 'chic' — somewhat higher fashion which will wow the crowds."

Speaking to Smith, it is obvious that he has found his niche. And he doesn't hesitate to express his pleasure in being associated in partnership with an organization that allows him the opportunity to expand his horizons.

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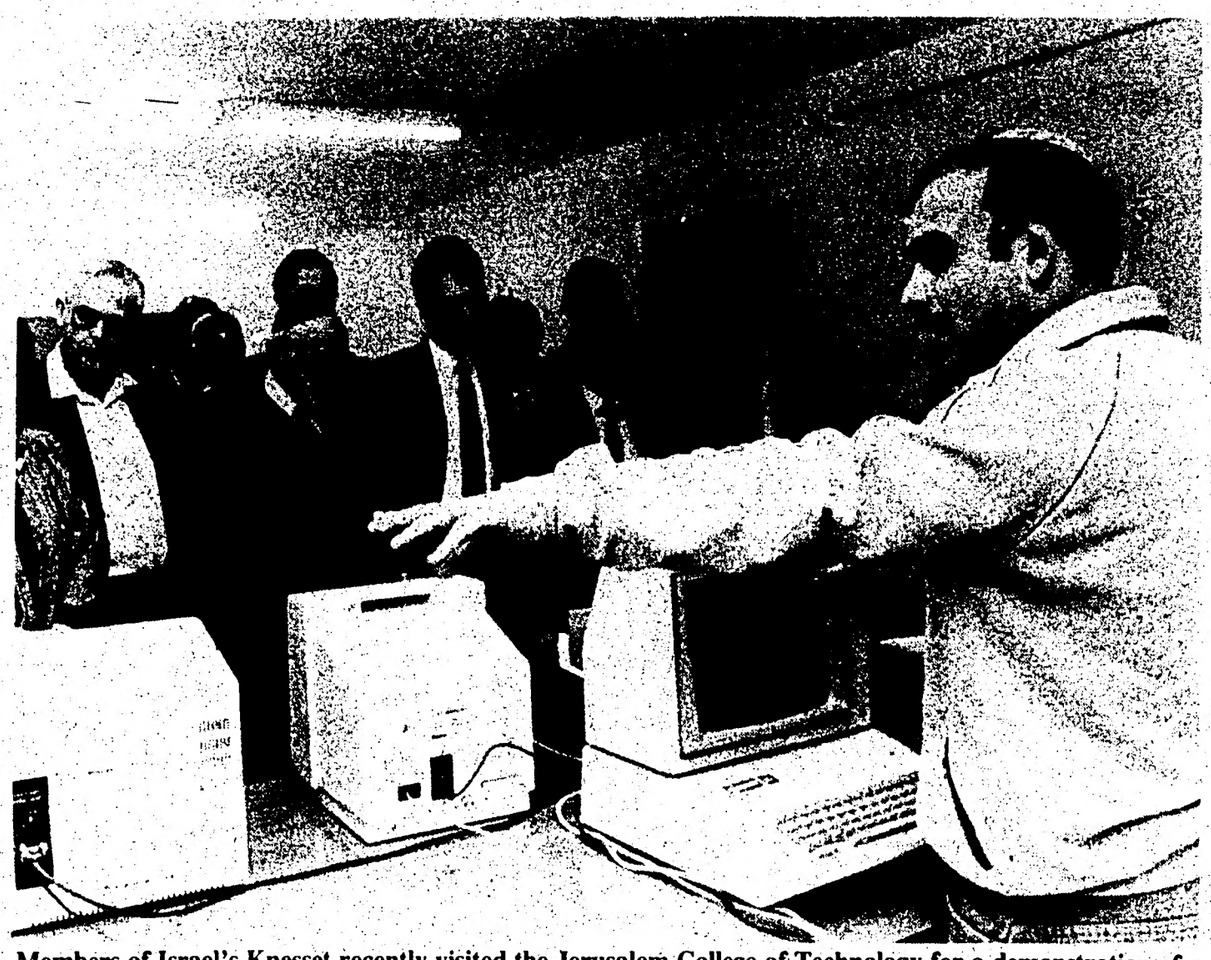

Members of Israel's Knesset recently visited the Jerusalem College of Technology for a demonstration of the computerized voting system developed by JCT students.

Voting by computer

High-technology age comes to the Knesset

The venerable show-of-hands method of voting currently practiced in Israel's Knesset is about to become a thing of the past.

The Knesset plans to adopt a computerized voting system which will enable MKs to cast their votes and maintain a running tally of the voting. It will also allow each MK to call up statistical data and voting records based on party and coalition on their own personal computer screens. All without leaving their seats.

A delegation including six MKs and the Knesset's own computer expert recently visited the Jerusalem College of Technology for a demonstration of a prototype of the system, which was developed by two students as their 3rd-year project.

The Knesset delegation included Speaker of the Knesset Shlomo Hillel, Geula Cohen, David Danino, Michael Eitan, Micha Reiser, and Avraham Verdiger, who is also a member of the JCT board of trustees.

Some Knesset watchers say the introduction of hi-tech voting may eventually have a calming effect on Knesset role calls, reducing the number and the vehemence of heated exchanges between members during the voting on the Knesset floor.

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"Providing interest rates don't increase significantly, we expect a 9% increase in the number of homes sold across Canada by the end of the year," says Ozzie Jurock, president of Royal LePage Residential Real Estate Services.

"Unit sales in 1987 are forecast to reach 300,000 compared to 274,633 units in 1986. With the predicted 215,000 new housing starts across Canada this year, the total number of both new and resale houses sold is forecast to reach 515,000 units.

"We expect the average price of homes across Canada to rise 16% this year to $110,000," says Jurock. "That's over $15,000 higher than the 1986 figure of $94,902.

"Nineteen eighty-seven has been a year of recovery in a number of major markets," he says. "This is especially true in areas such as Ottawa, Calgary, and Edmonton where improved economic situations have bolstered residential housing activity.

"Perhaps the most notable increases in market activity have taken place in Vancouver and Calgary, where unit sales by year end are forecast to climb 30 and 42% respectively," says Jurock.

"The prolonged period of higher oil prices continues to encourage buyers to enter housing markets in Calgary and Edmonton, while strength in the service, tourism, and forestry industries is fuelling the market in Vancouver.

Housing markets in Winnipeg, Saskatoon, and Montreal are also expected to continue to enjoy healthy real estate activity.

Pent-up demand, especially among first-time buyers, prompted significant increases in selling prices in Montreal during the first quarter of 1987. Although market activity has since stabilized in that city, the value of homes is expected to increase 15% by year end.

In areas such as Hamilton and Toronto, residential real estate has adjusted to more normal levels of activity after experiencing exceptional first quarters of 1987.

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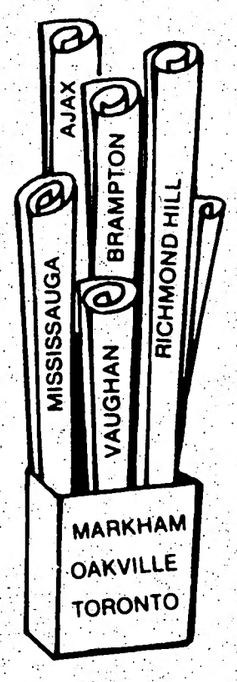

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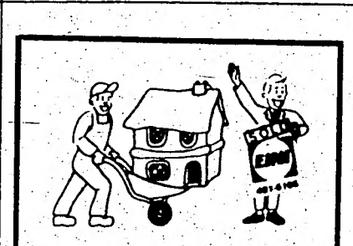

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1,200 new members sign up

Mayfair Racquet Club opens Lakeshore branch

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —
What began as a lark has turned into a monster. An enterprise of monstrous proportions, that is.

Last week, the Mayfair Racquet Club, Lakeshore edition, officially opened its doors, adding eight tennis and eight squash courts to what has become Canada's single largest racquet-sports enterprise.

There were celebrities on hand, club owners in tuxedos, a publisher, three singing Lettermen (they also performed at the Imperial Room), tennis players with matching outfits, an MPP, a municipal politician and plenty of well-wishers and onlookers.

They milled about and checked out the facilities in the spanking new, fully carpeted building situated near the heart of the Toronto harbor area near downtown.

Downtown is the operative word in the Mayfair lexicon these days, since with its new location on Lake Shore Blvd. about half a mile east of the Don Valley Parkway, the club is taking aim at the business and professional market in the city's core area.

That has been the goal of the Mayfair club's braintrust for some time now, said Henry Petroff, one of the partners with "hands on" involvement in the club. "We've always wanted to be in downtown Toronto. We know the businessmen are there, Petroff told The CJN. "We came down to service the hotels and the business community."

But even before the club opened, 1,200 new members had signed on — mostly people from the Beaches and Rosedale neighborhoods. That surprised the movers and shakers behind Mayfair, who had targetted a somewhat different market hoping to add to the club's city-wide total of 12,000 members.

Those members smack balls of different size and shape on 115 courts spread over four clubs, a far cry from the modest two courts Petroff and his like-minded cohorts once envisioned.

Back in 1970, Petroff and his tennis-playing buddies devised a plan to build two year-round indoor tennis courts. "We went in for a lark, as a hobby," he recalled. "The hobby got away from us."

A slight understatement, considering the Mayfair clubs are now worth a cool $25 million.

But in 1970, the plan was only for two courts. Before construction was completed, however, the club had accumulated a waiting list of prospective members and two additional courts were added.

One expansion led to the other and, feeding off the growing popularity of tennis and health-related activities, the partners parlayed their initial $300,000 investment into Canada's largest indoor racquet club.

Petroff, along with Bernard Kamin, Fred Sharf, Pat Casey, Harold Soupcoff and a host of other tennis-playing businessmen and professionals, have decided to plow the profits back into the enterprise, Petroff said. None has received any dividends and all earnings go towards upgrading existing facilities and constructing new ones.

There's already a plan to expand the Lakeshore club by adding four tennis and nine squash courts, four racquetball courts and one doubles squash court.

The club as it stands today, designed by Petroff, an architect, already has some impressive features. The tennis courts are topped with Bross Slide and respond like clay.

The eight squash courts are international size (wider than American style), there is an indoor pool and acquatics classes, a fitness centre with aerobics classes, nautilus equipment and even a children's room and babysitting services.

You can also find a restaurant and a lounge that can be used for socializing. In fact, socializing has become one of Mayfair's main attractions, said Petroff.

"Singles who would not be caught dead in a singles bar will sit here," he said.

There are planned social activities and a dance floor for when the live music comes on.

"It's like a profitable community centre," Petroff added.

It's so profitable, in fact, there are already plans for two further expansions: to Etobicoke and to north-central Toronto. They will join the Mayfair West at Chesswood Dr., the Mayfair North on Doncaster Ave., the Mayfair Parkway on Steelcase Rd. in Markham and the Mayfair East on Esna Park Dr. in Markham.

Consistency remains key to Burgin's tennis game

By
MARVIN GLASSMAN

Looks can be very deceiving. Life on the professional tennis circuit seems to be glamorous, with millions of dollars for the taking to an aspiring tennis player.

However, reality suggests a different perspective. While Chris Evert, Hana Mandlikova and Martina Navratilova have earned millions, other bright lights in tennis fail to endure.

American Elise Burgin has shown she has weathered the extraordinary demands of professional tennis for the past eight years, by being consistent in her play. Although she is the first to admit that she's no superstar, she has consistently been ranked in the top 50 since 1981.

"I learned to take one year at a time, not putting 24 hours a day into tennis," said the 25-year-old native of Baltimore, who was in town recently competing at the $390,000 Player's Challenge Canadian Open tennis championships held at York University.

"When I finish a match, despite a win or loss, I put things aside and go on with the rest of my life. It's from thinking and playing tennis continually that you get the burnout syndrome."

Tennis superstar Pam Shriver, who won the women's title, feels Burgin could play tennis for another 10 years. "I've been close to Elise since she was 8, and her sense of humor has made her relaxed and eager to play.

"She is the only player that I will room with, because she doesn't get me uptight. Nerves and pressure will end a career faster than anything else," said Shriver, who grew up with Burgin in the same neighborhood.

A lefthander possessing an unorthodox serve, the Stanford journalism graduate has proven to be an exceptional doubles player. Despite being ranked 51st in singles, she is currently ranked 14th in doubles, winning six tournament doubles titles and one singles title over her career.

Although doubles play does not attract as much attention in tournament play as the singles competition, Burgin is 16th on the 1987 prize money list with $80,483. Over her career, she has won $422,042.

Elise Burgin at the Player's championships. [Alan Rosenthal photo]

"I'm grateful for the doubles competition," said Burgin. "It's a faster paced game than singles. But it requires great skills, with good communication between you and your partner."

Thus far in 1987, Burgin teamed with Pam Shriver to win the doubles title in Washington last March and finished as a doubles finalist in two other events. Her only singles title came in the $75,000 Wild Dunes tournament in 1986.

Burgin's performance at the Player's Challenge was brief and disappointing. She lost her first round singles match to Mercedes Paz of Argentina 7-6 (7-1), 6-3, despite holding a 5-3 lead in the first set. She was forced to default from her first round doubles match when partner Gigi Fernandez of Puerto Rico suffered a toe injury in her singles match.

Burgin's best performance at the Player's Challenge in Toronto came in 1983 when she finished as a semi-finalist to Chris Evert.

Burgin, whose mother is a Jewish day school teacher, has been the highest-ranked Jewish tennis player on the women's pro circuit.

"I am always available for exhibitions in support of the Jewish Community Centre or other causes," she said. "In almost every city that I travel, there are always reporters from Jewish newspapers that seek me out."

When not on the tour, Burgin is active on the Board of Directors of the Women's International Tennis Association and serves as a television commentator on the TSN network.

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Applied expertise to population ecology

Mathematician Freedman found career early

By
BELINDA SILBERMAN

TORONTO —

As soon as Herb Freedman wrote Manitoba's high school prize exam in mathematics, he knew he had found his career niche.

The University of Alberta math professor — only 16 at the time — placed in the top 10% of his province, spurring him to pursue his new-found love of math.

Freedman has never regretted that choice.

In his career he has applied his math expertise to population ecology studies, produced more than 70 publications including three books, hosted a national television educational series and taught hundreds of university students during the almost two decades he has been at U of A

Freedman was recently appointed the first director of U of A's newly created Applied Mathematics Institute.

The 46-year-old professor was in Toronto recently for three days to attend Canadian Jewish Congress meetings. He is co-chairman of the Edmonton Jewish community's Joint Community Relations Committee.

He best sums up his vibrant career when he describes his love of math as "insatiable."

"I feel that I am very lucky in that I have a career that I both love and enjoy, and as I look back on my life, if I could choose a career again, I'd choose the same one," he says.

Although Freedman has achieved much success in his work, his beginnings were modest.

Born to Morris and Florence Freedman early in World War II, he grew up in the North End of Winnipeg, playing sports and attending the Yiddish Peretz day school.

At the age of 12 Freedman began helping his father on his bread route, picking up loaves from bakeries and delivering them to stores.

In school he showed a flare for mathematics, receiving in his grade 11 junior matriculation year 100 in algebra, 98 in geometry and 90 in sciences.

At the age of 16 he entered the University of Manitoba where he took general sciences and graduated with a BA in math.

In 1962 Freedman enrolled in the Master's mathematics program at the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis. A year later he married Donna Lande, a key punch operator, whom he had met a few years earlier at a BBYO Convention in Minneapolis. He later embarked on his doctorate.

To make ends meet, Freedman worked as a teaching assistant at the university. He also sold shoes on a commission basis at the Powers Department Store.

After completing his PhD in the late 1960s, Freedman accepted a teaching position at the University of Alberta and moved with his wife and 1-year-old daughter, Dena, to Edmonton.

A year later his first son, Joseph, was born, followed by daughter Tobey, in 1971, and youngest son, Daniel, in 1973.

As his family grew, Freedman's career blossomed. In 1972 he received his tenure and was

Herb Freedman

promoted to associate professor of mathematics.

A year's sabbatical from 1973 to 1974 at the University of Minnesota changed the direction of Freedman's research after he attended seminars in ecology.

He was urged by a close friend to think about problems in applied mathematics in the area of mathematical models in population ecology.

"As a consequence I did more research in that year than in my previous six years combined and my research career took off substantially."

He began writing a graduate and research textbook called Deterministic Mathematical Models in Population Ecology. The book, published in 1980, was the first written in that area from a mathematical point of view.

Since then Freedman has continued his research involving animal species interactions, at one point undertaking to participate in an environmental impact study on the Burwash caribou living in the Shawak Trench in the Kluane Mountains of the Yukon Territory.

He says he is still working on the research project.

In the meantime, Freedman has continued to climb the academic ladder at U of A. In 1978 he became a full professor and in the 1986-87 academic year he was the acting chairman of the Department of Mathematics.

Freedman — who hosted six half-hour "Practical Mathematics Throughout the Ages" programs for CTV's University of the Air series in the early 1970s and has given two dozen radio talks on U of A's CKUA radio — has also found time to be active in Edmonton's small but vibrant Jewish community of about 3,000 people.

Freedman says there is some hidden anti-semitism in Edmonton, but for the most part it is a very friendly place.

"We've made many friends, both Jewish and non-Jewish," he says.

Come up with an invention?
Book gives patenting how-to's

TORONTO —

Few ideas for new inventions ever make it past the drafting board. That's because ignorance of patenting procedures may be one of the key stumbling blocks in their development.

A new book by Toronto Jewish lawyer Sheldon Burshtein helps expose individual inventors as well as small and medium businesses to Canada's patenting laws.

Entitled Patent Your Own Invention in Canada, the book is an easy-to-read guide describing basic patenting procedures with step-by-step examples of applications. It also explains necessary terms including a list of mechanical terms often used in describing inventions.

The book also includes several pages of appendices of "Acceptable Drawing Symbols," a publications list of additional drawing symbols, addresses of Canadian regional patent offices and a list of foreign terms that might be needed for patent applications in other countries.

Burshtein — who practices law exclusively in the field of intellectual property with Blake, Cassels and Graydon in Toronto — has prepared the book, selling for $21.95, to help inventors save money in legal fees and other expenses incurred during the patenting procedure.

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A second book, by Toronto Jewish lawyer Jennifer Young, delves into another aspect of Canadian law — the Small Claims Court.

The Small Claims Court Guide for Ontario: How to Win Your Case! helps prepare the average person planning to go before the court without a lawyer.

Young — who teaches law and currently heads the department for the Legal Secretarial Science Diploma Program at the Toronto School of Business — has written a succinct, step-by-step guide telling how to successfully prepare and present a case in the Small Claims Court. The book, selling for $7.50, describes the court's general rules and defines those who can be sued.

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Browns "sold for less"

"Store with the cartons" closes after 30 years

By
MIRIAM CHINSKY

TORONTO —

After more than 30 years Anne and Max Brown have closed their "store with the cartons," Brown's TV and Appliances — but not quite forever.

They have rented the building and vacated the store, but Anne continues to serve customers through the same phone number from an upstairs office on the premises.

Anne and Max Brown

The store on Eglinton Ave. W., between Hilltop and Old Park is gone, but Anne Brown is accepting taped calls from clientele.

When the Browns returned in 1954 from six exciting years in Israel where Max had set up a gun-producing plant for the Haganah and Anne slept with two machine guns under the mattress, they looked around for something to do.

The couple eventually opened up a store on Eglinton with, says Anne, "three TV sets and three cartons, to make it look as if we had more stock."

Business was good from the start and as the various stoves, fridges and other bulky items began to arrive, there was no time to unpack because, to keep costs down, the Browns hired no salespeople.

In fact at first Max was in the store alone, but Anne came in to help and stayed. Max went on to manage the appliance departments in several GEM stores. When those stores closed, he acquired a furniture business in Richmond Hill.

Meanwhile, Anne "minded the store" and "sold for less."

"I believe in selling a lot at a small markup. If you have a small store, why would people want to buy, otherwise?"

"You would see Jaguars and Rolls Royces pulled up in front," Max says. "Everybody likes a bargain."

The cartons, piled up everywhere, even in the window, became a trademark and Max decided to keep them, "for our image."

Anne and Max claim that people come to them not only for their prices, but because the Browns know their products. Max, who trained during World War II as a mechanic with the RCAF and later as a bomber pilot, has always kept Anne updated on the technical features of the merchandise.

Over the years there were many changes. The major household appliances are still stocked of course, but packaged VCRs, food processors and other current best sellers swell the heaps of boxes inundating the newly acquired office, and through the furniture business which Max operated for a few years, he has contacts in that line too.

They have sold to three generations of customers and "they've become our friends," Anne notes.

What plans do the Browns have now that they are no longer in the store?

They are both committed Zionists and still keep a small house in Ben Shemen, a suburb of Lod, which they bought in the 50s. It will eventually become the property of their two daughters, Avra and Brona, "but not to be sold, ever," declares Anne. "We want a piece of Israel in our family."

Max is determined to complete a book on Arab anti-semitism which he has been writing for some time.

Anne will operate the appliance and furniture business "on a more flexible basis" through the taped phone calls and wants also to "find out what women who don't work do with their time."

She is thinking about going back to school to study computers, or perhaps law.

And she wants to be with her grandchild, "more than I could be with my own children during all those years in the store."

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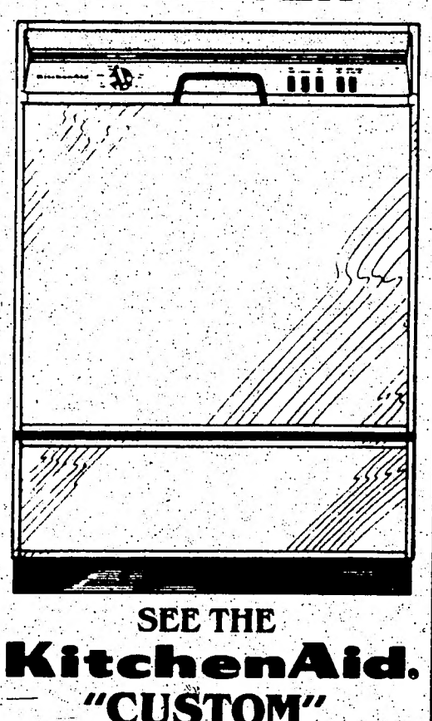

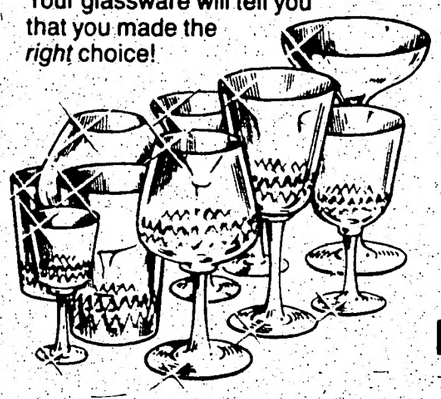

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Viewpoints

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A *Viewpoints* Survey of Canadian Jewish Leadership Opinion

Comments by Professors Harold Waller and Morton Weinfeld

A FEW years ago *Moment* magazine published the results of a survey of young American Jewish leaders drawn from the ranks of federations and fund raising organizations. The respondents in the survey were queried about a variety of general political and social attitudes, their views on Jewish issues and personal Jewish background. The results constituted an enlightening view of the American Jewish community's emerging political elite. *Viewpoints* decided to conduct a similar but more elaborate survey in Canada.

In the Canadian study, four groups received questionnaires. The young leadership groups of Toronto Jewish Congress and Allied Jewish Community Services (Montreal) were asked to respond. These are people, roughly 25-40, who have demonstrated an interest and/or aptitude for Jewish communal work and responsibility. Another group came from a list of members of Canadian Professors for Peace in the Middle East. Professors in this group are *not* typical of all Canadian professors who happen to be Jewish. Most are knowledgeable about and involved in Jewish/Israel affairs to some degree. Finally, a group of Canadian Rabbis, culled from a Canadian Jewish Congress listing, was sampled. The number of questionnaires sent out and the number of responses by group are shown in the fo'.owing table.

Group	Sent Out	Returned	%
Young Leaders	508	188	37
Professors	506	161	30
Rabbis	153	41	27
TOTAL	1167	390	32.5

Given the manner in which the questionnaire was administered one must be very careful in interpreting the data. No claim is made that this was a representative sample from which inferences can be made. Nor can one vouch for the accuracy of the lists of people to whom the questionnaires were sent. The lists may have been incomplete or inaccurate. The response rate was fairly good for a mail survey, but it still precludes the possibility of generalizing to larger populations. Nevertheless the data obtained do constitute an unusual source of information regarding the attitudes of key segments of Canadian Jewish leadership in 1986. We do know what our respondents think and believe. That in itself is enough to make the reporting of our findings worthwhile.

The questions fall into several broad categories, each of which will be discussed separately. Since the difference in opinions held by American and Canadian Young Leaders was insignificant, these comparison figures have been eliminated in the interest of brevity. It should be noted that *Moment* only queried young leadership from the federations and made no attempt to survey academics or clergy. We shall only highlight findings; greater statistical detail is available from the accompanying tables. We shall also refrain from drawing global conclusions.

The picture that emerges from these data is a leadership with considerable variation in Jewish orientation and political attitudes. Generally the Montreal and Toronto young leaders took a more conservative economic stance than the rabbis and academics, and showed a more conservative voting pattern, especially in the case of the Toronto group. On Jewish issues there was relatively little variation between the four groups, with the young leaders being somewhat more tough-minded than the other two groups. On the matter of Jewish education and religious observance, there were marked differences between the rabbis and the other groups, which is not surprising. However, the need for the Jewish educational development of future leaders is evident. On balance, our respondents displayed considerable diversity but also substantial consensus on key Jewish issues.

TABLE 1 DEMOGRAPHIC BACKGROUND

Question		Total %	Rabbis	Profs.	Young Leaders Mtl.	Young Leaders Toronto
Sex - male		77	95	82	71	71
Age	0-40	58	39	5	82	88
	41+	42	61	95	18	12
Married		73	100	84	63	62
Divorced or separated		7	0	12	4	6
Education	High School	2	8	1	1	0
	University & post-secondary	24	10	8	32	41
	Post-graduate degree	74	81	90	67	59
Jewish Education	Afternoon school	52	11	57	54	60
	Day school	25	5	19	31	35
	Post-secondary & ordination	21	78	23	13	4
Total Family Income	$0-49,000	33	43	14	40	44
	$50,000-75,000	33	40	38	23	35
	$75,000 +	25	16	48	36	21
Hebrew Knowledge	Below average	55	13	55	66	56
	Average	19	13	20	18	19
	Above average	26	73	25	16	25
Occupation	Business	16	4	3	24	26
	Professional	79	87	92	71	67
	Other	5	8	5	5	6

AS can be seen from the above table, the professors and rabbis are a far older group than the young leaders of Montreal and Toronto. Indeed, this age difference may well account for many of the differing patterns of responses that we shall note.

All the rabbis and 84% of the professors were married, compared to just over 60% for the young leaders. All our respondent groups were highly educated. Indeed, among the young leaders, all had at least one university degree, with well over half with a post graduate or professional degree.

The large majority of our respondents were men. Only 5% of the rabbis — not surprisingly — and 17% of professors were women. On the other hand, 28% of the young leaders in Montreal and Toronto were women. While this figure still reflects substantial underrepresentation of women, it would seem to indicate that some progress is being made in facilitating the entry of more Jewish women to positions of major responsibility in Jewish life.

The reports of family income are revealing, though they must be interpreted with some caution. Much has been written about the link between wealth and power in Jewish communal life. Yet if we examine the responses on family income we note that the professors seem to be doing best. Almost half of the professors claimed family income of over $75,000. This can be explained by two factors.

First is the fact that the professors were much older than the young leadership group — only 5% were under 40. Income (certainly for professors) tends to be highly correlated with age. In addition, far more professors were married, and have older spouses who could also be contributing to total family income. Conversely, many of the young leaders may well be just embarking on their careers, as beginning lawyers, doctors, or accountants.

The data on occupations confirms the declining role of business in the occupational structure of the Jewish elite. Only one quarter of the young leaders list their occupations as business. While it is possible that some of these leaders may switch into clearly "business" careers as they grow older, it seems clear that the dominant type of Jewish communal leader in Canada in the future will be the highly educated professional.

The four groups varied in the extent of the Jewish education and knowledge of Hebrew. Not surprisingly, the rabbis were distinct from the other three categories. But what was remarkable was the significant numbers of young leaders with intensive Jewish education. Roughly 40% had at least completed primary all-day Jewish school, with half of these in turn having graduated from Jewish high schools. This reflects the general upswing in enrollments in Jewish day school in Montreal and Toronto over the past 20 years, and represents a sharp break with previous generations.

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Editor's Notebook

We are proud to present what we believe is the most exhaustive survey made in recent years of the opinions and values held by the three major intellectual leadership cadres in our Canadian Jewish community. We believe it warrants close scrutiny, for it gives us an inkling of the direction our mainstream community will probably take in the coming decades. We undertook this complex task because we believe history amply demonstrates that in all countries, the views held by the intellectual leadership will seep down into the general populace, and after a time lag (which may vary) will influence the future direction of the society to a far greater degree than those who usually hold power and make its laws. We would have liked to include a comparison between the views held by these groups with those held by current leadership groups in major organizations in the Jewish community; technical difficulties made this unfeasible. Perhaps some of these views may emerge from letters which we hope the article will evoke. We wish to acknowledge a generous grant from the Montreal Jewish Community Foundation which made this research possible.

Rabbi Mendell Lewittes has summarized for us, in non-academic terms, what the Halakhah is, and how, contrary to widespread opinion, changes have in fact been made over the centuries in traditional Jewish law. The problem facing Jewry to-day is of course that different changes are made by scholars of different denominations, resulting in the divisions which are increasingly polarizing Jewish communities both in North America and Israel. Rabbi Lewittes advocates the creation of a Chief Rabbinical Council open to halakhic scholars all over the world, in the hope that such a body would be recognized as authoritive by most communities.

In the aftermath of the recent decision of Parliament against capital punishment, Rhoda and Eugene Kaellis examine the Jewish traditional stance on this vexing moral issue, and offer some interesting insights.

Ellen Laufer Katz has sent us an intimate portrayal of the hopes, fears, and aspirations which she experienced on her personal religious pilgrimage, which she calls her journey to Jewish feminism. Her search for full equality and involvement in public religious ritual in our synagogues will, we believe, resonate among many Canadian Jewish women who are engaged in a similar quest.

Robert Brym has done an original sociological study of a little-known development in Israeli life which he finds alarming. It is the creation of a "dual economy" in which Arab workers-in effect have been reduced to a "sub-class", receiving wages which average just over half of those paid to Israelis, and being confined to only those jobs that are unattractive to Israeli Jews. He expresses his forebodings concerning the danger of such a policy to social peace in Israel.

Shel Krakofsky has appeared several times in Viewpoints. We are happy to publish several recent poems which bear the unique stamp of his idiosyncratic and epigrammatic style.

TABLE 2 RELIGIOUS AFFILIATIONS AND PRACTICES

Question		Total %	Rabbis	Profs.	Young Leaders Mtl.	Young Leaders Toronto
Do you think of yourself as	Orthodox	16	38	13	18	10
	Conservative	44	30	36	43	58
	Reform	16	16	16	15	19
	Other	16	13	21	17	9
	No denomination	7	3	13	7	4
Of your three closest friends, how many are Jewish?	1 out of three	10	3	14	11	5
	2 out of three	27	19	33	24	25
	3 out of three	63	78	52	64	70
Do you belong to a synagogue?	Yes	68	97	70	62	60
Do you participate in Passover Seder?	Yes	94	100	93	93	95
Do you light Chanukah candles?	Yes	84	100	83	77	80
Do you light Sabbath candles?	Yes	54	89	60	40	48
Do you attend synagogue on the Sabbath?	Yes	34	84	36	24	26
Do you attend Yom Kippur services?	Yes	82	97	79	76	87
Do you use separate dishes for milk and meat?	Yes	44	78	36	39	48
Do you have a Xmas tree at home?	Yes	3	0	3	6	2
Do you fast on Yom Kippur	Yes	80	92	71	80	86
Are you in favour of provincial aid to parochial schools?	Yes	65	79	46	78	68

IT is not surprising to find substantial degrees of religious identification among the groups we sampled, or that Rabbis would display more personal religiosity than the other groups.

It is surprising to learn that 44% of the total number of respondents identify themselves as Conservative Jews, with the remainder equally divided between Orthodox, Reform and "other". Although 30% of the respondents do not belong to a synagogue, only 7% described themselves as "no denomination", presumably secular. Among the professors the non-denomination percentage rises to 13%, yet 70% of the professors do belong to a synagogue.

By now it should be clear that this group of professors is very different from the image of the alienated, marginal academic with no ties to the community.

Even more surprising, is the finding that 26 to 30% of the leaders claim to attend services regularly on the Sabbath, with even higher numbers observing kashrut (actually, keeping separate milk and meat dishes). Like most North American Jews, we find extremely high numbers observing Yom Kippur, attending Passover seders, or lighting Chanukah candles.

Our sample of Jewish leaders, even if young and highly educated, follow the general Jewish pattern of social segregation. Jews continue to mix primarily with other Jews, and this pattern is more likely to be voluntary rather than the result of gentile exclusion. Amongst Montreal and Toronto leaders, roughly two-thirds indicated that their three closest friends were Jewish. This does not mean that they had no contacts, social or professional, with non-Jews. Far from it. Indeed, these contacts are possibly more frequent now than in the past. But moving beyond such contacts to the world of intimacy and trust may be another matter. Moreover, it is likely that Jewish leaders in Montreal and Toronto grew up there, and retain many childhood friends into their adult years.

TABLE 3 CHARITABLE PRACTICES

Question		Total %	Rabbis	Profs.	Young Leaders Mtl.	Young Leaders Toronto
What were your total charitable donations last year?	$0-$3000	76	58	62	87	86
	$3001+	24	42	38	13	14
Of that amount how much was donated to Jewish causes?	0-60%	28	13	37	30	21
	61%+	72	87	63	70	79
How much was your gift to your central Jewish fund raising organization?	0-$1499	83	78	73	91	86
	$1500-4999	13	22	20	6	10
	$5000+	4	0	7	3	4

THE data on charitable contributions also confirm that the sample we are studying is not represented among the major donors. It is of course possible that some of the young leaders are children of the wealthy families, or may give through family firms. At any rate, it is among the (older) rabbis & professors that we find donors — to all charities — of over $3000 per year: 45% for rabbis, 38% for professors compared to 13-14% for the young leaders. Of those amounts, the large majority find their way to Jewish needs or causes, 79% for Toronto leaders, 70% for Montreal leaders, and 63% for the more "universalistic" professors. These figures suggest that in the future we may expect to see even further disjunctures between the few very wealthy families, which provide the major contributions, and the actual lay leaders who set policy and make decisions.

TABLE 4 POLITICAL AFFILIATIONS

Question		Total %	Rabbis	Profs.	Young Leaders Mtl.	Young Leaders Toronto
For federal purposes, do you think of yourself as a	Liberal	41	22	22	61	48
	Conservative	21	22	19	13	33
	NDP	15	22	26	10	5
	Independent	22	33	32	15	14
How did you vote in the last federal election?	Liberal	31	20	24	40	33
	Conservative	38	20	32	43	46
	NDP	15	17	23	11	8
	Did not vote	15	43	20	5	11
For provincial purposes, do you think of yourself as a	Liberal	47	23	30	74	46
	Conservative	20	12	22	8	36
	NDP	16	23	24	11	8
	Independent	15	38	21	7	9
For whom did you vote in the last provincial election?	Liberal	47	23	30	73	46
	Conservative	20	12	22	8	36
	NDP	16	23	24	11	8
	Did not vote	15	38	21	7	9
Would you describe yourself as	Liberal-very Liberal	56	53	60	53	42
	Centre	16	16	13	16	21
	Conservative-very Conservative	25	30	27	22	36

THE four groups varied somewhat in terms of their partisan orientation to federal and provincial politics. Understandably the Montreal groups identified with the Liberals for both levels of government. In Toronto, however, a substantially larger proportion identified as Tories, even though most identified as Liberals. On the other hand, the rabbis and professors displayed a markedly different pattern. In federal politics about a third of those two groups identified as independents, while the rest were about evenly split between Liberals, PC's and NDP. In provincial politics the rabbis tended to be more Liberal and the academics more NDP, with substantial numbers of both groups in the independent category. In terms of voting the PC surge in 1984 was reflected among Jews. Toronto and Montreal leaders voted 46% and 43% P.C., more than for other parties. The proportions of clergy and academics voting Tory were lower, with greater non-voting or NDP voting among those two groups than among the leaders. The NDP voting pattern was even more apparent in terms of provincial voting by rabbis and professors (27% and 30% respectively).

Despite the difference in party identification and voting behavior between the groups, in terms of general political orientation there is much greater consistency. Generally all of the groups see themselves as liberal to some extent (most pronounced among the professors), about 55%, while only about 16% are centrists and about 25% are conservative to some extent. It should be noted that the greatest incidence of conservative identification is among the Toronto leadership group.

TABLE 5 POLITICAL ATTITUDES

Question		Total %	Rabbis	Profs.	Young Leaders Mtl.	Young Leaders Toronto
Are you in favor of:						
More nuclear power plants in Canada?	Yes	22	26	23	17	24
The death penalty for convicted murderers?	Yes	47	44	30	55	58
Job quotas to ensure equal opportunity?	Yes	30	24	28	34	28
A US-Soviet agreement for a nuclear freeze?	Yes	90	87	92	93	85
Testing cruise missiles over Canada?	Yes	40	48	40	34	44
More government spending on welfare?	Yes	41	54	48	36	34
Less government spending on welfare?	Yes	25	8	20	28	35
More government spending on defence?	Yes	22	26	19	24	22
Less government spending on defence?	Yes	36	29	43	35	30
More government spending on health care?	Yes	61	63	60	69	50
Less government spending on health care?	Yes	6	0	9	3	12
More government spending on Old Age Pensions?	Yes	60	65	65	56	56
Less government spending on Old Age Pensions?	Yes	6	0	7	4	8
More government spending on education?	Yes	78	81	91	75	65
Less government spending on education?	Yes	3	3	4	1	5
More government spending on foreign aid?	Yes	22	31	29	19	15
Less government spending on foreign aid?	Yes	38	32	35	45	36
More government spending to combat crime?	Yes	57	76	44	65	55
Less government spending to combat crime?	Yes	4	0	6	2	5
Government should be more forceful with the U.S.S.R.?	Yes	24	32	23	23	21
Government should be less forceful with the U.S.S.R.?	Yes	60	63	62	62	54
Government should enforce abortion laws strictly?	Yes	9	30	7	7	7
There is too much government regulation?	Yes	42	32	30	48	55
Government should be required to balance the budget?	Yes	51	42	41	57	60
Government should be tougher in environmental protection?	Yes	80	79	86	75	79
Government should aid anti-communist groups in Central America?	Yes	30	45	25	34	28

RESPONDENTS were asked their opinions on a host of political and public policy issues. We can only discuss a few of the more interesting findings here. A major pattern emerges from the data: differences within the Canadian group between rabbis and academics on the one hand and the young leadership groups on the other.

There was a marked difference between the young leaders and the rabbis and academics on questions such as government spending on welfare, death penalty for convicted murderers, balancing the budget, and support for anti-communist groups in Central America.

A key issue that explains much of one's stance on current policy is the attitude toward government regulation of the economy. Both surveys indicate that Jews oppose government regulation to a lesser extent than the general population, but again the split between the leaders and the rabbis/professors among the Canadians is interesting. About 31% of the rabbis and professors agree that there is too much government regulation, compared to about 50% of the young leaders. If one wishes to generalize about positions on economic issues, the rabbis and professors seem to support government intervention in the economy through greater spending and regulation than do the young leadership groups. This is a fairly consistent pattern in the data.

TABLE 6 ISRAEL AND GENERAL JEWISH ATTITUDES

Question		Total %	Rabbis	Profs.	Young Leaders Mtl.	Young Leaders Toronto
Do you believe that:						
Anti-Semitism is not a serious problem in Canada?	Yes	32	50	31	31	26
Soviet Jewry activities should be broadened to include other oppressed groups?	Yes	45	57	47	45	38
Canadian Jews should not publicly criticize Israeli policies and actions?	Yes	36	29	36	36	38
Canadian Jews should publicly criticize Israeli policies and actions?	Yes	56	65	59	57	44
In time of crisis few non-Jews will aid Israel?	Yes	70	71	65	76	71
Israel should offer Arabs territorial compromise in West Bank in exchange for peace?		60	68	72	55	46
Israel should maintain permanent control of West Bank?	Yes	28	28	19	29	40
Israel should offer to share rule over West Bank with Jordan and Palestinians?	Yes	47	51	65	34	40
Begin's government policies strengthened Israel?	Yes	31	22	21	32	46
Palestinians have a right to a home in the West Bank if Israel is not threatened?	Yes	58	57	64	56	53
Israel should place a moratorium on further West Bank settlement?	Yes	54	54	65	52	40
Israel should talk to the PLO if it renounces terrorism and recognizes Israel?	Yes	72	78	80	71	61
Canada should not have any contact with the PLO until it recognizes Israel?	Yes	79	84	78	77	82
Jewish campaign contributions should be used to elect Israel's friends?	Yes	70	73	69	66	76
The Jewish community should work to build alliances with other ethnic and religious groups?	Yes	90	84	92	88	91
An effort should be made to get more Jews to run for political office?	Yes	74	68	73	75	76
The Jewish community organizations should work on both Jewish issues as well as issues of concern to all Canadians?	Yes	90	94	88	92	89

ONE of the most difficult and controversial political issues in Israel today is the ultimate disposition of the West Bank territories (Judea and Samaria) taken during the Six Day War. For our respondents, the pattern which emerges is one of willingness to accept territorial compromise, and recognition that Palestinians have a right to a home on the West Bank, provided Israel is not threatened.

Most strongly in favor of territorial compromise were the rabbis and the professors. For rabbis, 68% favored that position compared to 28% who favored maintaining permanent control. For professors, the proportions were 72% to 19%, for Montreal leaders 55% to 29%. Most "hard-line" were the Toronto leaders, where 46% to 40% favoured Israel's retaining permanent control over the territories. There is no ready explanation for this seeming divergence between Montreal and Toronto leaders.

On the other hand, there was little enthusiasm for the PLO. At present, large majorities felt that both Canada and Israel should have nothing to do with the PLO. If the PLO wish to renounce terrorism and recognize Israel, then contacts might be initiated, according to sizeable majorities of all 4 groups.

When asked whether "Canadian Jews should not publicly criticize the policies of Israel's government" large majorities disagreed. Most supportive of such criticism were the rabbis, 65%, while least supportive were Toronto leaders with only 38% in favor of such criticism.

The majority of our respondents felt that the political environment for Jewish interests was hostile. Only a minority felt that anti-Semitism was not a serious problem in Canada. Most felt that in times of crisis, few non-Jews would aid Israel. Perhaps as a result, strong majorities felt that Jewish political campaign contributions should legitimately be directed to helping Israel's friends. At the same time large majorities endorsed the strategy of trying to forge coalitions with other ethnic or religious groups. As Ukranian-Jewish tensions during the Deschenes hearings of Nazi War Criminals revealed, that was often easier said than done. Large if somewhat smaller majorities also favoured getting more Jewish candidates to run for public office.

Jews, the Torah, and Capital Punishment

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IN July the House of Commons defeated a motion to reinstate capital punishment in Canada. For the time being the issue will fade from the headlines but it will undoubtedly recur, especially when there is a murder of a police officer. In Britain, years after abolition, still another vote on the issue was held in Parliament.

While the proportion of Jews supporting reinstatement is probably significantly lower than that of the Gentile community, there are nevertheless considerable differences within the Jewish community. In part these reflect attitudes toward the causes of crime.

Some Jews, influenced by the traditional Judaic emphasis on personal responsibility, feel that regardless of conditions to which one is exposed, the choice of engaging in criminal activity rests with the individual. With this as the only basis for judgment, the cultural, social, economic, and political factors in crime could be ignored, with the law and the courts concentrating solely on punishing those who transgress in the hope that others would be inhibited from committing similar violations.

On the other hand, the law and its institutions might focus exclusively on social reform on the theory that causes of crime can be reduced or eliminated by this process. Common sense dictates that combining these two approaches is probably the most effective method and in any practical approach there is a mix, the proportions varying according to the bias of the authorities and the resources available.

Jewish tradition recognizes the validity of both approaches. While much of the emphasis in Judaism is on individual choice and accountability, the principle of community responsibility is also clearly recognized. On Yom Kippur the community expresses culpability for the sins of individual members by formulating confessions *en masse*, publicly, and in the plural voice — "We have trespassed, we have dealt treacherously, we have robbed, we have spoken slander, we have acted perversely, and we have wrought wickedness; . . ."

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Extenuating circumstances are also recognized in many transgressions. Even the most demanding and explicit statutes are accompanied by qualifications. For example, violations of the strict rules governing activity on the Sabbath, or indeed, any holy day, can be suspended if performing a prohibited activity would save a life or prevent an injury.

Reasons For Apparent Severity

Even so, a contemporary reader of the Torah is usually impressed not only by the severity of some of its injunctions, but by their extent, exactitude, and repetition. The Torah reflected the problems and needs of a people which had emerged from seven generations of slavery within a pagan society. While attempting to eradicate the vestiges of their servitude and the influence of paganism, the Hebrews faced recurrent and seductive contact with surrounding societies whose practices were, in many cases, savage and licentious. It is not surprising that the Israelites frequently backslid into overt and covert forms of idolatry, and other characteristics of barbaric people. In many instances the laws of the Torah were rendered harsh to act as deterrents from such deviations. At a time when people made no distinction between secular and religious life, the Torah also included all aspects of human activity which today would be separated into ritual prescription, rules of observance, civil and criminal law. Only the latter two are of concern to us in this article.

Case or common law, as it applies to each of its commandments, is not apparent from a reading of the Torah. The refining of the statutes — rendering them more effective, making them more humane, reducing in practice the austerity and rigor of punishment for violations — initiated and developed by the judges, sages, and rabbis, became an ongoing process of legal evolution in Judaism. In face of the injunction, "You shall not add to the word which I command you, nor take from it; . . ." (Deuteronomy 4:2.) their task was made possible by the existence of the Oral Torah which according to tradition was revealed to Moses simultaneously with the written Torah and contained its interpretation and supplementation. The concept of the Oral Torah continued in the creation of Mishnah, Midrash, and Talmud. In the contemporary period it is rooted in commentaries and responsa.

In earliest antiquity a wrong committed against an individual was avenged by him and/or his relatives or tribe. Modern secular law makes a criminal act an offense against society which is dealt with by the representatives of the state. Jewish law raised the level of affront. Based on the principle of divinely inspired moral obligations, Judaism considered a crime committed against another individual, not only an offense against him and against society, but above all a sin against God.

This approach is reflected in the concept of atonement. In response to petitionary prayer God is assumed to forgive offenses committed solely against Him by the petitioner (e.g., failure to observe a mandated ritual), as well as to forgive that which is abhorrent to Him in an offense committed against another individual (e.g., lying, cheating, stealing, violence, etc.). However, the remaining portion of the offense, i.e., the part directed against the wronged individual, can be forgiven only by the victim, and only upon genuine repentance by the wrongdoer, which involves asking for forgiveness and offering (when it is possible) some form of restitution or compensation.

Judaic Law God-centred And People-oriented

Thus, while Judaic law is people-oriented it is God-centred. Adherence to it rests not on a rational, sociological or humanistic basis, but exclusively on piety. A debtor repays his debts, for example, not because to do so is fair, practical, or necessary to sustain a useful credit structure, but because God commanded that such obligations be discharged honestly and completely.

The distinction is important. Law which is seen as derived solely from the interaction of human intelligence with circumstance can support, even initiate immoral and unethical behavior, as in the Third Reich and other totalitarian states. But because the Torah was revealed it became immutable and eternally binding on the Israelites and their descendants once it was confirmed by the covenant at Sinai. What can and does change in Torah law is its interpretation and application. The well-known Lex Talionis, for example: ". . . you shall give life for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot, etc., stripe for stripe," (as it is stated in Exodus 21:23-25) also re-appears in Leviticus 24:20 and Deuteronomy 19:21. When formulated and applied it was an enormous advancement over the then current forms of vengeful retribution — often disproportionate, typically violent, and sometimes fatal. The Lex Talionis stated emphatically that the punishment must fit the crime. In time this parity of punishment was refined and extended to include compensation, a form which is central to many of today's legal codes.

The sages developed a means of molding Torah injunctions to fit changing concepts or conditions by either broadening or narrowing their application. For example, they broadened the commandment in Deuteronomy 20:19: "When you besiege a city for a long time, making war against it in order to take it, you shall not destroy its trees by wielding an axe against them; . . ." into a prohibition of the wanton destruction of anything which might be useful, during peace or war time. The ordinance in Deuteronomy 22:8 regarding the building of a parapet to prevent danger arising from anyone or anything falling from the roof was extended to prohibit any hazardous condition such as an uncovered pit or trench. The command: ". . . you shall not stand forth against the life [blood] of your neighbor; . . ." (Leviticus 19:15.) was interpreted to mean that people may not withhold testimony favorable to defendants, that they are required to attempt to rescue people in danger (even during the Sabbath), and are obligated to render assistance to someone being pursued by a person intent on causing harm, even if that assistance involves maiming or killing the pursuer.

Death Penalty Narrowed By Rabbinic Interpretations

The most obvious case of narrowing interpretation to bring about a change in practice has to do with the application of the death penalty. In the Torah, idolatry, apostasy, blasphemy, sorcery and witchcraft, child sacrifice, labor on the Sabbath, perjury in capital cases, insubordination to supreme authority, murder, kidnapping, rape of a betrothed woman,

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striking a parent, adultery, incest, sodomy, bestiality were all transgressions for which capital punishment was prescribed. The tendency among Jews, going back to Biblical times, has always been to apply capital punishment rarely even for those crimes for which it was mandated. The Torah, for example, insists on two witnesses for conviction on any capital crime: "No person shall be put to death on the testimony of one witness," (Numbers 35:30) which the rabbis have interpreted as meaning eyewitnesses who actually observed the commission of the crime, with no element of circumstantiality or inference in their testimony. In addition, some interpretations required that each witness warn the miscreant of the gravity of the crime he was in the act of committing in order to establish *prima facie* evidence of deliberateness on his part should the act be completed.

There has never been unanimity on what crimes, if any, should in practice, be punishable by death. Thus, while one of the offenses calling for capital punishment is licentiousness by a priest's daughter, this was narrowed to adultery, freeing a non-married daughter from the penalty. Insubordination was confined to mean only a member of the high court who deliberately attempted to thwart justice. The capital nature of being unruly against one's parents was rendered ineffectual by a series of restraints: excluding minors, making it necessary for both parents to complain, issuing an initial warning, enlarging the court hearing the charge, etc., etc. In fact, the Talmud actually declares that, "This law never was and never will be, actually practised."

The catastrophic defeat of the Jews by the Romans also contributed to a radical reform in the application of Torah law. The rabbinic courts decided that the right of judicial succession, going back to Moses, was dependent on Jews having sovereignty in the Holy Land. When this was decisively lost, they could no longer impose Biblical punishment.

Mercy Always Favored Over Justice

The Mishnah tells us, "A sanhedrin [court] which executed one person in seven years, was called a destructive court, " — 'once in seventy years' — says Rabbi Eliazar ben Azariah. Rabbi Tarphon and Rabbi Akiva declare: 'Were we members of the court, no man would ever be executed.'" While Judaism has always striven to maintain a practical, labile balance between justice and mercy, the tendency was always in favor of mercy, and nowhere is this more marked and persistent than in the area of capital punishment.

The controversy over the death penalty has provoked more emotion in Canadian life than that of any comparable issue with the possible exception of abortion. In the area of criminal justice there is no doubt that it is the most controversial topic. The debate on this subject is not new. Immediately after citing the opinions of Rabbis Tarphon and Akiva referred to above the Mishnah cites the opinion of one of their disciples who claims that eliminating capital punishment would cause an increase in bloodshed in Israel because fear of execution is presumed to have a deterrent effect.

Obvious Clash Of Principles

A decision to execute or incarcerate often rests on what seems to be the possibility of rehabilitation and parole. Today rehabilitation of convicted criminals is an impressive discipline. It has a significant and growing literature, the theory and methods of rehabilitation are part of every criminology curriculum, and has given rise to a vast institution involving penologists, sociologists, social workers and psychologists. All of this reflects the growth of both society and crime. Whether this system is effective in achieving its objective is, of course, debatable. In Biblical times there was no formal program of rehabilitation. Jews who committed crimes and were punished by corporal punishment, fines, or imprisonment were expected to improve their behavior or face even more dire consequences. Underlying this was community pressure which in the smaller, more culturally homogeneous, more cooperative, more intimate, and more isolated communities of those days was a powerful moving force. The anonymity, diversity, alienation, and mobility of contemporary life reduces or eliminates the effectiveness of peer pressure as an inhibitor of criminal activity. But from the Jewish point of view, up until the last moment of life, repentance and amendment are always possible and, in theory at least, no person, no matter how recidivist, is ever beyond the pale of Jewish concern and compassion.

There is an obvious clash of principles in the question of rehabilitation versus punishment, and incarceration versus execution for certain capital offenses. That there are people of little understanding, knowledge, and goodwill on both sides of the capital punishment debate is obvious, but as evidence of the profundity and abiding challenge of the question, it remains unresolved even among many with knowledge, wisdom, and goodwill. This is typical of heated questions in the Talmud and in Jewish life in general, reflecting the absence of dogma and ecclesiastical authority in Judaism.

The tendency in disputes is polarization of communities, the breeding of extreme positions, hardened attitudes, and even rancor and enmity. A fundamental way to reduce the toll exacted by such conflicts is to appreciate the process by which they are traditionally explored in Judaism. The Talmudic method avoids abstraction. Indeed, it may be called "ad hoc" in that it strives to individualize decisions based on the unique personalities and circumstances of each case. Obviously this method can work for us only if there are sufficient numbers of sages capable of dealing with the manifold and unprecedented ethical problems which we face as this century nears its end.

Talmudic Judaism System Of Justice Not Law

The modern nation-state, whose philosophical basis lies in the Enlightenment, evolved a system of law the inherent nature of which is general and abstract. Often a system of law based on abstraction undermines the dispensing of justice. Talmudic Judaism, contrary to much uninformed opinion, is primarily a system of justice rather than law.

Choosing sides and setting an objective is a conclusion; it thereby tends to subvert everything to its attainment, sometimes even sacrificing truth. An objective involves a "yes" or "no" — We will or will not allow capital punishment, sex determination, euthanasia, or abortion. Being one-dimensional it becomes the common pathway of as many individual decision-making processes as there are decision-makers. The process, which involves thoughts, feelings, and the individual's specific background, is multidimensional and unique. The more we experience the *Angst* of the post-rational world, the more we can benefit from emphasis on process rather than objective. Process can lend meaning to our lives, allow us to redefine our individuality, and possibly, calm (not eliminate) our disagreements. The Biblical model of judges and prophets who had special endowments by which they creatively and fairly dipensed justice and mercy may be necessary and possible even for our complex society. Perhaps in time we will return to a method of law based on a greater role for wisdom through revelation.

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The True Nature of the Halakhic Tradition

by Rabbi Mendell Lewittes

IN the controversy now raging surrounding the issue of Who Is A Jew, the Rabbinic establishment in Israel has based its opposition to any and all non-Orthodox conversions on the grounds that conversion (*giyur*) is in its very essence an halakhic concept, and therefore cannot be entrusted to any non-Orthodox group or individual who presumably does not feel himself bound by the prescriptions of the Halakhah. Thus, the religious parties in Israel are insisting that the word *kahalakhah* (according to the Halakhah) be added to the legal definition of Who Is A Jew. Unfortunately, in all the heated discussion there is little effort being expended to clarify the true nature of the Halakhah, and thus identify those who conduct themselves within the parameters of the Halakahah and those who do not. This essay is an attempt to shed some light upon this basic element in Jewish life.

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No one can gainsay that for centuries, indeed millenia, the Halakhah has determined the norms and practices of the Jewish people in all the countries of its dispersion despite the vicissitudes of its history, so replete with expulsions and persecutions. Such a phenomenon can be grasped only if we understand the true nature of the Halakhah. It is not, as most people assume, strictly a code of law; it is suffused with a religious connotation, a statement of faith, a commitment to one's Creator. Thus the Sages, the early codifiers of the Halakhah, in commenting upon the two chapters of the Shema — the Jewish declaration of faith — speak of two yokes, one following the other. Why is the chapter of *Shema* (Deut. 6:4-8) recited (twice daily, morning and evening) before the chapter of *Ve-hayah im shamo'a* (*ibid.* 11:13-21)? The answer is so that one may first take upon himself the yoke of the Kingdom of Heaven, and then take upon himself the yoke of the *mitzvot* (the Torah's commandments). Hence, the most comprehensive code of Jewish law, the *Mishneh Torah* of Maimonides, does not begin with the religious duties that a Jew is obliged to perform, but with what a Jew ought to believe in, the principles of his faith. Similarly, R. Moshe Isserles opens his additions to the *Shulchan Aruch* with the following religious exhortation: "A person should set to his heart that the Great King, the Holy One blessed be He, Whose glory fills the earth, stands over him and sees his deeds... and thus the awe and the submission before the Almighty will encompass him."

There are some religious leaders — the late Mordecai Kaplan the most prominent among them — who would remove this underpinning of faith from the Halakhah; they regard Jewish practice as the people's culture and folkways in part even a reflection of the influences of their non-Jewish environment. Though it is not to be denied that certain practices sanctioned by the Halakhah are cultural in origin, it is equally not to be denied that the foundation of Jewish Law lies in the faith that the Torah, which is its basis, is the word of God.

Notwithstanding this premise, we don't read out of the community of Israel those secular and Reform Jews who reject the divine origin of Judaism but nevertheless cling to it in some fashion as an expression of their belonging to the historic Jewish people

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who bear aloft the banner of Judaism. Their observance of many of the customs of Jewish tradition — their recognition, for example, of the Sabbath and Festivals as special days even though they do not observe them as required by the Halakhah — is a recognition on their part of the unique character of Israel's tradition and teachings, and the duty of all Jews to ensure the survival of the Jewish people. This position is not too far removed from a recognition of the Divine Providence which has preserved Israel to this day, and may well lead to an acknowledgement of God's giving the Torah to Israel as the greatest manifestation of this Providence. In other words — to paraphrase a statement made by Nahman Bialik — more than Israel has kept the Torah, the Torah has kept Israel.

This sanguine view that the secular Jew — or if not he, then his children — will return to the religious acceptance of the Halakhah is reflected in a rabbinic homily on a verse in Jeremiah (16:11), "*They deserted Me and did not keep My Torah:*" "Would that they desert Me, yet keep My Torah, for the light of the Torah will bring them back to Me."

The Sages refer to the Torah in general as a yoke. However, it is no ordinary yoke; it is a "magic" yoke that confines and restricts but at the same time uplifts and inspires. It gives its adherents direction so that they should not flounder in the arbitrary ways of humanism or fall into the morass of hedonism and moral obtuseness. It raises man from being solely a creature of animal instincts to a rational human being who reflects upon the consequences of his conduct. The Halakhah endows those who observe its precepts with a sense of purpose, giving their lives both meaning and sanctity.

It therefore embraces every aspect of human activity, both interpersonal relations between man and his fellowman, as well as purely ritualistic duties and ceremonials, between man and his Creator; both equally regarded as *mitzvot*, religious imperatives. The Jew who accepts the burden of the Halakhah will turn to it for guidance in practically everything that he undertakes.

The modern Jew who refuses to accept this burden, however, does raise a problem which Orthodoxy is ill-advised to ignore. He claims that the Halakhah as it is codified today in the *Shulchan Aruch* and interpreted by the Orthodox rabbinate is impervious to change and amendment, and thus has not kept pace with the changes in manner and thought brought about by the tremendous advances in science and technology. Regrettably, there is a widespread reluctance in halakhic circles to discuss such a claim, even to the extent of condemning those who dare raise the question. In fact, the standard response is to make a categorical statement that the Halakhah never changes, and to leave it at that. Thus the late Rabbi Moshe Feinstein, regarded as the most authentic *posek* (rabbinic judge) of our times, in a responsum to Orthodox feminists, begins as follows: "At the outset one has to know that a principle of our pure faith is that the entire Torah, both written and oral, was given by God Himself on Mt. Sinai through Moshe Rabbenu, and it is impossible to change even one iota."

How The Halakhah Changes

The time has come to examine objectively this principle "that the entire Torah, both written and oral . . . it is impossible to change even one iota." Even a cursory study of the history of the Halakhah through the ages will indicate that changes, some of them quite basic, have been made in traditional Jewish Law. Were this not so, it would not have been necessary to write and promulgate so many successive codes of Jewish Law. Even Rabbi Feinstein, in the aforementioned responsum, qualifies this principle by adding that the Sanhedrin and Torah scholars have the duty to institute new regulations (*takkanot*) and add prohibitions as hedges against possible violation of Torah laws.

In a certain sense, it may be argued, the law does not change; the circumstances change. Changes came about not by having Torah scholars abolish a particular ruling; the ruling remains as an integral part of the Halakhah, but its application is suspended or declared not applicable because it is given for a different situation which no longer exists. However, rabbinic authorities today refuse to employ even that reasoning on two grounds: First of all, we — present rabbinic authorities — lack the authority which our illustrious predecessors possessed, for we are inferior to them in learning and piety and in judicial status. Of course, this is a retreat from the pronouncement of the *Mishnah* that "any three judges who have risen up as a court in Israel are like the court of Moses." Secondly, the argument advanced by Orthodoxy today against change is that since the Torah is divine and immutable "we must adapt circumstances to the Torah and not the Torah to circumstances." This betrays a lack of understanding of the whole *raison d'être* of the *Torah she-b'al-Peh*, the Oral Law, which was given to Israel so that the laws of the Torah could be interpreted in the light of existing circumstances. The immutability of the Torah is not in the unchanging observance of each and every law in it — the number of Biblical laws no longer in effect is legion — but that Torah as a whole is not to be substituted for another, as for example the replacement of the Old Testament by the New, or the Torah of Moses by the Koran.

Acceptance of the fact that there has been change in ritual and custom in the past, and that therefore there can be legitimate change in the present, need not signify a break with halakhich tradition. Indeed, the rule of precedent opinion need not confine contemporary authorities so rigidly as to preclude the maintaining of a contrary opinion in the light of our understanding of the purpose of the law as it applies to present day circumstances. Instruction given to the *posek* of Talmudic times can well serve as a guide for the *posek* of today. "When one of my decisions," said Rava to Rav Pappa and Rav Huna, the son of Rav Yehoshua, "comes before you and you question it, do not reject it summarily before you discuss it with me. If I have grounds for maintaining my opinion, I will state them; if not I will reverse my judgment. After I pass away, do not destroy my opinion, though you need not accept it . . . for a judge must decide only on the basis of his own insights." The essential requirement for making an halakhic decision (and this is true in all generations including our own), is a thorough knowledge of the law as found in the major sources, and a proven loyalty to halahkic practice.

Need For A Chief Rabbinical Council

Let it be clearly understood. We are in no way advocating that an individual or group decide that this or that practice is not in harmony with the needs and attitudes of the day, and that therefore he or they may feel free to abandon it. What we are pleading for is the creation of a Chief Rabbinical Council — the term Sanhedrin is too far-reaching at present — whose members are sensitive and responsive to contemporary values and are ready to exercise their prerogative to institute *takkanot* (new regulations) and render halakhic decisions in the light of present circumstances. True, we do have a Chief Rabbinate in Israel today, and religious Zionists — in contradistinction to the ultra-Orthodox — do recognize its authority. However, as presently constituted it is limited both in the number and type of its membership. More than the current insistence that there be an equal number of Ashkenazim and Sephardim, we would like to see an equal number of university and non-university trained rabbis. Instead of the membership being limited to Israelis whose appointment is linked to Knesset law and thus open to political influences, we would like to see candidates for membership selected from halakhic scholars all over the world, a procedure which would undoubtedly lead to a greater recognition of its authority. Only such a body, and not the secular Knesset, would be competent to decide "Who Is A Jew" for the entire Jewish people. With such a constituted authority, it is no idle dream to hope that Jews who have abandoned the Halakhah will return to the traditions of their fathers and forefathers who, through perseverance and indomitable faith, preserved Judaism for all generations to come.

Journey to Jewish Feminism

by Ellen Laufer Katz

ON a dark winter night a discussion begins. It starts in my home, around a table lit by Shabbat candles, and as it heats up we feel no trace of the winter's cold.

We speak of women and their role in Judaism, of what they "can" do and of what they "can't". Can they be counted in the minyan? Can they say kaddish? Can they be given an aliyah? Can they read from the Torah? Can they be rabbis or chazzanim? I sit back and listen, realizing at one point that the loudest voices in the room are those telling us what women can't do or are not permitted to do. We speak of Halakhah, and I think that all of us in that room want to live by Halakhah but feel that somehow we are being pushed away from full participation.

At the moment the discussion does not bother me that much; after all, I regard the shul that we frequent as an enlightened place. We attend regularly and there are as many Bat-Mitzvahs as Bar-Mitzvahs. We also see the occasional woman up on the bimah for a Dvar Torah, usually on a special occasion; as the months go by we see the mother of the Bat/Bar Mitzvah opening the ark and taking the Torah out or following the Torah in its procession around the sanctuary. I am secure — until I realize one Shabbat that those Bat Mitzvahs lead nowhere because no women are called up for aliyah. My eyes turn to the Torah-reader surrounded by men, and it is then that I begin to see my shul as a men's club.

As the mother of two daughters, I have a stake in women's participating in the important aspects of Judaism. Now, just what are those aspects of Judaism? Some people tell me that the home is really the most important area of Jewishness because it is the women who nurture children's development and they are the future of Judaism. But times change. Although I am home during the day, I work at night. In our home from dinner time on, it is my husband, the father of my daughters, who is in charge. He is taking a greater responsibility in caring for his daughters because he wants to be involved in my world. And I want to participate in his world. I also want my daughters to be involved in what should be neither his nor mine but *our* world.

At Shul my husband is called up for an aliyah and I am proud as I watch him, garbed in kipa and talis (both bought by me), carrying out his role as a Jew. However, I also feel left out and fear that my daughters, even though they are being given the day school education I never had, may also be excluded. My anger grows. I am educating my daughters to be knowledgeable in their Jewishness, to be able to daven comfortably in shul, to lead parts of the service and to go up to the bimah for an aliyah. I conclude that shul is at least as important as home. Our Shabbat service centres around Torah and if an ordinary Jew wants to participate publicly he does so by receiving an aliyah. Yet because I am a woman I am prohibited from this most important of Jewish roles. My daughter will also be shut out like those Bat-Mitzvah girls whose moment of glory is followed by public oblivion. I decide that I cannot continue this way.

Then events take a turn for the worse. Our rabbi leaves and with him goes the innovation of women on the bimah. We continue to attend shul regularly but I find myself reluctant to go. I want to participate yet the message I am being sent is, "that it is fine, as long as you watch from the lower side of the bimah". I feel lower, inferior. At shul I encounter another woman who is also suffering from a sense of exclusion. We sit and suffer together. Perhaps I am being unrealistic, I think. Maybe I have no right to such thoughts. Perhaps I should retreat to the safety of my kitchen and accept my traditional role as a good Jewish woman. I vow to read in order to augment my knowledge. I need answers. Throughout the spring and summer, Sundays find me at the Jewish Public Library, researching, taking out books, reserving others.

One Sunday I appear in answer to a call telling me that a number of books have come in. The librarian hands them to me saying: "I knew that these were for you." I read voraciously, finding the answers that I want. I learn that nowhere is it written that women can't study Torah, can't be called up for an aliyah, can't say kaddish, can't read from the Torah, can't be

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rabbis or chazzanim. . . I discover that in the past Halakhah has been able to undergo change and that the issue of women being exempt from all time bound precepts is not clear. Women are obligated to some of them (see the Saul Berman article: the Status of Women in Halakhic Judaism in Elizabeth Koltun's book: The Jewish Woman). Now that I am armed with more knowledge, spring brings hope. I also learn that I am not alone. Other women – some of them Orthodox – feel as I do. We are searching for ways to express ourselves religiously in public. I go to shul to daven, but I want my voice to be heard too, not silent because it might be "sexually provocative". I want to be counted before God with the rest of the congregation.

Excitement grows; I wonder if there are kindred spirits in my town. Reading has been enlightening, yet if I can't use what I have learned I will despair. Summer comes. I'm ambivalent about shul so I stay away, upset at not going but more upset if I do go.

August comes; I find what I am looking for. I read in the newspaper of a Conservative egalitarian minyan striving to be a congregation. I clip the article and phone the number listed. The woman who answers the call spends twenty minutes with me. I blabber on, wondering if she thinks that I am crazy. For the first time since my experience with my sister sufferer at shul I am having a conversation with someone who actually understands how I feel.

We go to services. There is a room full of people who are there for the same reasons we are. I take a Siddur but for the entire service all I do is turn pages. I am watching; I am watching women and men share a service equally. I see both women and men clustered around the Torah, receiving aliyot, reading from the Torah and leading different parts of the service. The men not only aren't resentful, but are actually supportive. Children are also actively involved, clustering around the Torah or ark. There is definitely an emphasis on participation by all. These people have come to daven; they are serious about why they are here; everyone is davening and singing with joy. There is a sense of unity in this room. I both see and hear a difference. Sexist prayers are modified in some cases, to include the female as well as the male worshipper: Elohim is the God of Sarah, Rivkah, Rachel and Leah, as well as God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. After services we stay for kiddush and talk. We meet other people who have travelled the same path we have, in search of the same goals.

Autumn arrives and with it come the High Holidays. We return to the same setting with anticipation, and are greeted by a guest woman rabbi. I find my eyes are fixed on her throughout the service. I think: what a wonderful role model for my two daughters. This time I begin to participate in davening; I too want to be a role model for my daughters. Looking around, I notice that some women are wearing kipot and taleisim. I wonder if I could ever participate in that way.

We are becoming part of this group, and are welcomed into this striving and growing congregation. Lacking a permanent meeting place, we travel from house to house setting up our ark. I feel kinship to the Hebrews during their wanderings in the desert. It becomes increasingly easy to transform the warmth of a home or a meeting room into a sanctuary.

On Succoth we return. People are familiar; conversation is friendly. We daven, and during the Torah service I am offered an aliyah. At first I am reluctant, I feel that I am not ready yet. Then I think that if I truly want to be a role model for my daughters I must say yes. Soon I am called. I stand up, filled with trepidation. I do not hear much of what is said; I struggle to remember my Hebrew name, I am able to recite the blessings with some help. As I stand before the Torah I look at it with wonder. Now that I see the words on parchment I sense the presence of God in these words which I have previously only read from a Chumash. After my task is finished I sit down. My husband wishes me a Yaasher Koach. Members of the congregation congratulate me. I want to run home and practice so that I can do this again with more confidence.

And I do. At our next Shabbat service I am called upon to open the ark and hold the Torah. How strange it is, I find, actually to do what men take for granted, hold the Torah. I think once again of the value of this Torah through thousands of years of Jewish history. These recent experiences in this new environment are strengthening my faith, giving me a deeper sense of what it means to be a proud Jew.

Later in a succession of aliyot I am called to the Torah by a woman wearing a kipa. My Hebrew name is pronounced and I am named as the daughter not only of my father but of my mother as well. My older daughter comes with me. As we approach the Torah, I suddenly find that I have been wrapped in a talis and as I step up to our makeshift bimah, I enfold my daughter in my talis. At first it is alien but a minute later it feels warm, very safe. As I recite the brucha and hear the response by our congregation a religious calm, a peace, settles on us. I warm my daughter as I draw her near to the Torah.

When my aliyah is over and it is my turn to voice my individual brucha I pray that this congregation may grow so that I may experience this sense of religious fulfilment again, and so that both of my daughters may daven as equal human beings. My daughter and I step down from the bimah and I reluctantly return the talis to its owner.

It is spring once more. I feel like a different person this spring. I go to my shul wearing a kipa and a talis. I daven proudly with a newly acquired self confidence as a Jew. I am expressing my Judaism fully and because of this my confidence has spread into other aspects of my life, giving me an enhanced sense of personhood.

My husband, the father of our daughters, stands with me so that now we all light Shabbat candles and make bruchas over the wine and challah together. The girls have begun to wear kipot at meals and at shul. In a true sense of egalitarianism we are all sharing in the task of preparing our home for Pesach. We will talk of the exodus of our people from the land of Mitzraim, and as we sit around our Seder table we will remember that we were all present when God gave us the Torah at Mount Sinai. It belongs to all of us: to study, to hold, to honor, and to cherish.

The Transformation of Menial Labour in Israel

by Robert J. Brym

Note: In large part, this essay summarizes some of the research on Israeli labour markets now being conducted by Israeli sociologists. It draws particularly heavily on the work of Michael Shalev of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

WHEN the first Zionists settled in Palestine in the 1880s they established vineyards and considered it perfectly acceptable to employ Arabs to do much of the menial work. Twenty years later, the Jewish immigrants of the second *aliya* began to fight against this practice. The new settlers were Eastern European socialists. From Tolstoy and A. D. Gordon they had learned that physical labour can be a source of pride and moral renewal. From Marx they had learned that hiring labour for profit is exploitative, and that national antagonisms are likely to intensify if employers and employees come from different national groups. As a result, they insisted on *avoda ivrit*; henceforth, they proclaimed, manual labour, even of the most menial sort, must be performed exclusively by Jews.

Of course, underlying the high moral tone of David Ben Gurion, Yitzkhak Ben Tzvi, Berl Katzenelson and other luminaries of the era were more mundane economic and political interests. The Zionist pioneers needed work, and *avoda ivrit* was, among other things, a means of ensuring they could get it. Especially because Palestinian Arabs worked for wages that were, by Western standards, very low, *avoda ivrit* artificially limited competition on the labour market and increased Jewish employment. Moreover, *avoda ivrit* helped establish a separate and independent Jewish economy. As such, it was a pinion of specifically national ambitions.

The disadvantageous competitive position of Jewish labour before 1948 thus led to the development of a "dual economy", one characteristic of which was the virtual exclusion of Arab labour from Jewish enterprise. This policy was promoted and enforced by the Palestine Office of the World Zionist Organization, established in 1908, and the *Histadrut*, the General Federation of Labour in Palestine, established in 1920. Respectively, these bodies subsidized and organized Jewish labour in Palestine, basically in accordance with the economic and national goals of the Zionist movement.

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From Exclusion To Segmentation

It was not until the late 1950s that the exclusionist policy towards Arab labour gave way to a decisively segregationist policy. Thirty years ago, most Israeli Arabs worked for themselves or for other Israeli Arabs in their own sub-economy. Since then, a large and growing proportion of Israeli Arabs have come to work for Jews. These Israeli Arabs tend overwhelmingly to be segregated in positions at the bottom of the occupational hierarchy, and this segregation is enforced as a matter of state and *Histadrut* policy. *Avoda ivrit* has become *avoda aravit*.

Several factors were responsible for this transformation. Among the most important was that by the late 1950s rapid economic growth had resulted in a severe labour shortage in the Jewish economy. Cheap Arab labour, formerly a source of competitive disadvantage, was now required for further growth, especially in the construction and manufacturing branches. The *Histadrut* consequently opened its doors to Israeli Arabs. The Military Government relaxed restrictions on Israeli Arabs' freedom of movement. Non-Jews were allowed to participate in nationalized labour exchanges. How-

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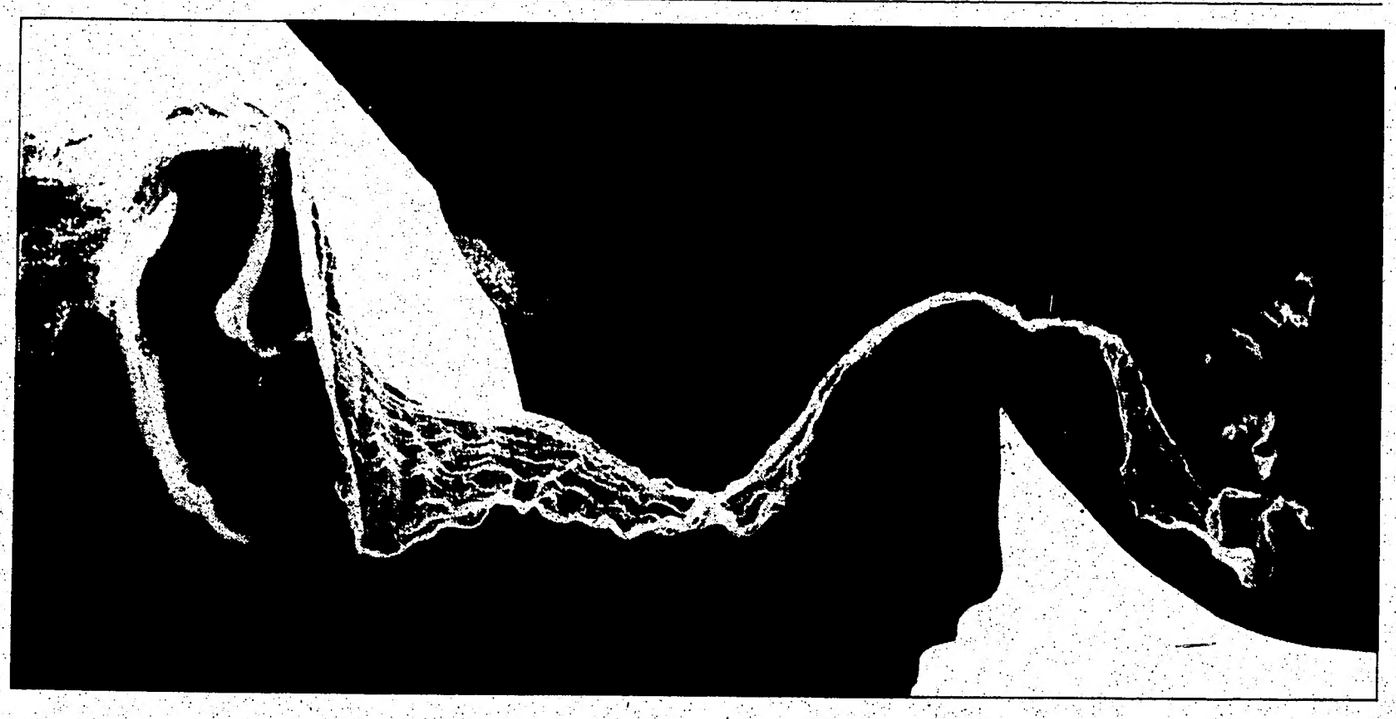

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ever, these innovations also reflected the fact that the establishment of the State of Israel gave Jewish workers the means to create a legal right to privileged treatment. For example, Arabs could not vote in *Histadrut* elections until 1965. They could not run for high *Histadrut* office until 1976. They are still eligible to work in Jewish areas only if jobs cannot be filled locally. Local Labour Councils have not been formed in most Arab localities, and because the great bulk of Arab workers commute to work from considerable distances, they are generally unable to address grievances to Labour Councils in Jewish areas where they are employed.

The Occupied Territories And Palestinian Labour

A new element was introduced into this picture after the Six Day War, when Israel took control of the West Bank and Gaza. By 1969, 15,000 (mainly male) non-citizen commuter workers from the occupied territories were working in Israel proper. By 1973 their number had swollen to 65,000, and it is now estimated to be nearly 100,000. Thus, fully half the Gaza male labour force and a third of the West Bank male labour force commute to work across the "green line" (Israel's pre-1967 borders). This amounts to about 7% of the Israeli male labour force. Half the Palestinian commuter workers are employed in unskilled or semiskilled positions in the construction industry, while the others work as agricultural labourers, gardeners, garbage collectors, janitors, and the like. They are not entitled to unionize. Their wages are significantly lower than those of Jewish men with similar levels of education and experience doing the same work. Migrant Palestinian workers are obliged to pay taxes and contribute to various social welfare schemes. But since, in general, they cannot collect the benefits that derive from these payments — in order to do so, one must live in Israel proper — they in effect subsidize the social welfare of the Jewish population of Israel.

Occupationally segregated Palestinian Arab workers do not compete on the labour market with Jewish workers because they are constrained to take the jobs just described. The Israeli government's Employment Services issues work permits to Palestinians only for types of jobs that are unattractive to Israeli Jews. Furthermore, the Employment Service recruits only enough Palestinians for the job vacancies that cannot be filled in Israel proper.

Benefits Of This Policy

A large proportion of the Israeli population supports this *Bastarbeiter* policy. In the short term, employers profit from the ready source of cheap labour, while consumers benefit from lower prices. Israeli Jews of North African origin in particular are boosted up the occupational ladder as Palestinians take on menial work. (Israel has in fact the highest recorded rate of upward social mobility in the world.) And Palestinian workers from the territories serve as a buffer against unemployment in Israel proper: during periods of relatively high unemployment fewer work permits are issued to Palestinians from the territories, so Israelis can take Palestinians' jobs rather than face unemployment.

Costs Of The Policy

There are also costs associated with the segregation of cheap Arab labour at the bottom of the occupational hierarchy and, in particular, the widespread employment of commuter workers from the territories. From a strictly economic point of view, the availability of an abundant pool of cheap labour is a disincentive for investment in labour-saving high technology. In the medium to long term, this can weaken economic growth by lowering the competitiveness of Israeli industry. Cheap Arab labour also forces down the general Israeli wage level, and therefore Jewish workers' standard of living.

These costs are slight compared with the political consequences of the existence of segregated cheap Arab labour in Israel. The coincidence of class and ethnic cleavages nearly always heightens social conflict. This is especially the case where, as in Israel, members of the most subordinate group are prevented from achieving upward mobility and the degree of inequality between them and superordinates is large. In short, the social situation of Arab labour in Israel is the perfect breeding ground for profound national antagonisms.

The average income of Palestinian commuter workers is just over half that of Israeli citizens (including Arabs). Commuter workers receive few benefits from the taxes they must pay. They have no unions and no job security. They have little hope of improving their lot. Nor are they better off than Arabs who work in the occupied territories. Commuter workers earn 8% more than Arab men employed in the occupied territories, but it is highly likely these extra *shkalim* are more than eaten up by the cost of travelling to and from work. True, given current Israeli economic policies in the occupied territories, many commuter workers might not find any jobs in the West Bank and Gaza if they chose to remain there. However, as Meron Benvenisti has convincingly argued in *The West Bank Data Project*, policies not bent on restricting the growth of Arab manufacturing and agriculture could help create more jobs in the territories.

The Palestinians know all this. It is therefore not surprising that they deeply resent the conditions under which they must earn their daily bread, and that they overwhelmingly support Palestinian nationalism and the PLO. *Histadrut* Secretary-General Becker may have been right when he stated in 1968 that there are branches of industry crying out for manpower. But in the long run, the people of the second *aliya* seem to have had a much less dangerous approach to the problem of menial labour in Israel.

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The Streets of Jerusalem

nothing runs parallel in Jerusalem
where civilizations and ideas collide
and the famous meet without crossing
Ben Yehuda and King George V
Hanevi'im and Sultan Suleiman
Rashi and Yehuda Hamaccabi
Jabotinsky and Achad Ha'am
Herzl and Bialik
Shamai and Ben Hillel
come together for only a moment
and like the people on the streets
disperse in their own directions
nothing runs parallel in Jerusalem

Camouflage

returning
I remove
the reversible coat
I find necessary
all year
and immerse myself
in the cleansing air
to bathe
naked
in Jerusalem

shivering
comfortably
and unseen
I finally dress
and discover
both sides
of my cover
are different
and exactly
the same

Babel

when Zaida
didn't want me to understand
he spoke Yiddish
and when I learned Yiddish
he would speak Polish
and when I got older
in order to confound him
I used French
as my properly schooled children
now use Hebrew
to keep things from me
and when I talk to them
in perfect English
about where we can
speak their secret tongue
all day long
they still don't understand

Winter Animals

can't quite make out
in the cold winter rhetoric
if the protectors of the
winged and the furred
love animals as much
as they hate man
Hitler was a vegetarian

can't quite make out
on this February morning
if the shtreimelled groundhog
can see himself
in the shadows of Shaccarit
so it's at least
six weeks until
Moshiach comes

An Outfielder Teaches Life's Secret

Play deep

it's easier to run forward
than it is to run backward

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